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TERROR GRIPS FALLEN SHANGHAI

9000 in L. A. Mark Soviet Anniversary

Southern City Goes Over \$12,500 Mark
in Daily Western Drive as Colorful
Meeting Hears Hathaway

LOS ANGELES—New records were set last Sunday night when more than 9,000 persons packed the Olympic Auditorium to hear Clarence Hathaway, editor-in-chief of the New York Daily Worker, speak on the 20th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution.

At the same time, approximately \$8,400 was raised to send Los Angeles booming over its Daily Western Worker Financial Drive quota of \$12,500. When the collection was ended, \$12,600 had been chalked up to the southern city's credit.

Colorful flags, banners and posters served to create a high spirit of festivity throughout the meeting. Highlight of the evening came when close to 500 Young Communist League members marched in with Carl Ross, national secretary of the League, at their head.

Caroline Decker Speaks

With Paul Cline, local executive secretary of the Party as chairman, the meeting included speakers in addition to Hathaway, Caroline Decker, Criminal Syndicalism prisoner recently freed, and Carl Ross.

Strong emphasis was laid by Hathaway on the importance of the Marxist-Leninist theory in the struggle of the working class to overthrow capitalism.

"The victory of the workers in the Soviet Union is a victory for the theories of Marx and Lenin," he said. "And the Soviet Union today is a monument to those theoreticians and practitioners of the revolutionary working class movement."

"Today, socialism has been victoriously established in the Soviet Union," Hathaway declared.

Capitalism Wiped Out

"Capitalism has been wiped out—exploitation of man by man has been completely obliterated—there is no unemployment and there will be no unemployment."

Noting the economic advances made by the Soviet Union in the past 20 years, Hathaway pointed out that America's supremacy in the world stood in close danger of being filled by the Soviet Union.

Appeals for Recruits

Closing his speech, Hathaway said:

"When the American people unite under the leadership of the working class to wreck fascism and to maintain peace, they are going to meet head on with the fascist war makers . . . and we, of the Communist Party, know that you're not going to stop until you put yourselves in power under, we hope, the leadership of a strong Communist Party."

"The immediate step, however, we say is to help build a strong People's Front. With this in mind, we urge you to join hands in the Party of Lenin and Stalin."

2,000 in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO—Two thousand persons marked the 20th anniversary of the Russian Revolution here on Saturday night at a meeting in Dreamland Auditorium which heard Clarence Hathaway, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.

In addition to Hathaway, Martin Wilson, recently released Criminal Syndicalism prisoner, and Frank Spector, county secretary of the Communist Party, also spoke. William Schneiderman, state secretary of the party, presided.

A collection of \$2,289.92 was made, most of which will go towards the establishment of a daily Western Worker. Also announced at meeting was the fact the San Francisco organization of the party fulfilled its goal of 350 new recruits by Nov. 7.

1,100 in Oakland

OAKLAND—More than one thousand residents of the East Bay region attended the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Soviet Union in Civic Auditorium on Friday night.

Featured speaker was Clarence Hathaway.



CLARENCE HATHAWAY

DORE REVOKES C. P. CONTRACT

Breaks Contract for Use of
Civic Auditorium

SEATTLE—Assuming a one-man dictatorship over the rights of the people of Seattle, Strike-breaking Mayor John F. Dore has issued an arbitrary order denying the Communist Party the use of the Seattle Civic Auditorium for its November 10 mass meeting.

Hathaway, Dunne Speakers
Clarence Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker, and William F. Dunne, Montana State organizer of the Communist Party, are the speakers. The meeting will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Soviet Union and the 15th anniversary of the United States Constitution.

"Mayor Dore's contract-breaking order to ban the Communist meeting from the Civic Auditorium is another election campaign stunt," said Report. "The rule of Dore in this city for the last two years, which has broken all elementary civil liberties and rights guaranteed in the constitution, has aroused the people in the city against him."

California Communists Swell Membership Rolls

The State Committee of the Communist Party announced that on November 1 it reached 4,510 in the state of California, as a result of recruiting nearly 900 new members in the last two months, and is out to reach 5,000 dues-paying members by January 1.

This would double the membership as compared to the figures of 1936, at the time of the last National Convention of the Party. These figures only represent the active membership that attends meetings and pays monthly dues, and does not include the tens of thousands of sympathizers who vote for Communist candidates. Anita Whitney, for example, the State Chairman of the Party, received over 9,000 votes in the recent San Francisco municipal elections, and over 100,000 votes throughout the state when running for state office.

The California district of the Party is now the second-largest district in the country as to membership, and has successfully withstood the challenge of Illinois to replace it in second position; (New York is the large-

POLICE SLUGGING MADE AN IMBECILE OF MY SON, GRIEVED FATHER CRIES

LOS ANGELES—"We feel that we have an imbecile for a son. It is as though some huge animal had stepped on his face."

This was the heart-sickening admission of George F. Mahoney to a group of outraged citizens gathered recently to protest the brutal beating of his son in Lincoln Heights jail.

"He was always deeply introspective—the type stray dogs seemed to love"—

Mahoney cried brokenly in describing the shapeless thing that had once laid claims to his heart as "son," that now lies with an eight-inch skull fracture.

Becoming apparent last week that 29-year-old Harry Mahoney is not the only victim of revolting police brutality, public indignation mounted to fever pitch.

A movement is well under way, guided by the American Civil Liberties

Union, to stamp out the beasts that prowl the corridors of Lincoln Heights venting their sadistic rage on helpless "drunks."

Many recall that Police Chief James E. Davis admitted at an inquest that seven persons had died of skull fracture or blood clot on the brain during a five-month period in 1935, subsequent to arrest and incarceration in Lincoln Heights. (Cont. on Page 5, Col. 7)

F. D. R. GREETSS SOVIET UNION ANNIVERSARY

2,000,000 Celebrate 20th
Birth of Revolution
in Moscow Fete

MOSCOW—President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in company with many other famous Americans, greeted the Soviet Union on its 20th anniversary, as more than two million persons in Moscow and millions of others throughout the U. S. S. R. filled the streets of hundreds of Soviet cities and thousands of collective farm villages in celebration.

President Roosevelt's message of felicitation to U. S. S. R. President Mikhail Kalinin, stated:

"Permit me to extend to your congratulations and my best wishes for the welfare of your fellow countrymen."

Two million Soviet citizens marched through the Red Square in Moscow to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the seizure of power by the workers and peasants of Russia on November 7, 1916, under the leadership of the Bolshevik Party.

From the reviewing stand, Joseph Stalin, V. M. Molotov, Kalinin, K. E. Voroshilov, George Dimitroff and other Communist Party and government leaders viewed for more than two hours a display of Soviet military might and for six hours more responded to the ardent greetings of the millions of Moscow's population who marched through Red Square.

Other famous Americans greeting the Soviet Union's 20th birthday included Theodore Dreiser and Upton Sinclair, leading novelists; Paul Robeson, great Negro singer, and Charlie Chaplin, famous screen comedian. Their messages were printed in the government newspaper Izvestia.

HOLIDAY CROWDS BUY

MOSCOW—Hundreds of thousands of Moscow citizens jammed into stores of the Soviet capital to make last minute purchases for their holiday of holidays, Nov. 7.

Tory Drive to Narrow Market Is Real Peril

Reaction's Success in Emergency Congress
Would Shove U. S. Into Crisis

By JOHN PIERPONT

How the Tories will try to block efforts to increase the people's purchasing power is already indicated in reaction to Roosevelt's program of "must legislation" for the emergency session of Congress, opening November 15 at Washington.

The President's program will include bills for fixing minimum wages and maximum hours, for giving aid to farm-

ers, and for curbing monopoly. This is the second of four articles discussing the present state of U. S. industry and the issues before the emergency session of Congress, opening November 15. Subsequent articles will analyze the bills to be presented and the economic consequences of their passage or rejection.

Even before this program was announced, in fact, immediately following the November 1936 elections, the big capitalists let loose a barrage of propaganda in preparation for their offensive in Congress. Editorials and articles in the monopolist press began to fire at Roosevelt and the program of the New Deal, calling for less interference with business and demanding that the business men, the Chambers of Commerce and the Manufacturers' Association should be given a free hand to run the country.

It is well to point out here, before going into some of the arguments raised, that this is precisely the same sort of campaign waged by German reaction in preparation for the Hitler coup. As Professor R. A. Brady has recently pointed out, the drive against democracy and liberty is elaborately prepared by monopoly capital in the name of "laissez faire," an extinct and unlamented phase of capitalist development.

Logic of Big Capital
The New York Times, perhaps the most authoritative voice of American finance capital, can offer examples of the kind of preparations the big fellows have made.

1. An effort to prevent Congress from passing a wage and hour measure, or to emasculate whatever bill is passed.

2. A drive to revise the tax structure by eliminating the capital gains and undistributed profits levies and to broaden the tax base, that is, to shift the burden of taxation onto the great masses of the people.

3. A fight against both the renewal and the enlargement of relief programs for the employment of the ten million and more jobless.

4. Opposition to measures designed to aid tenant farmers, small home owners, and America's millions of slum dwellers.

The theory behind these moves is that their success will increase the profits of business men, thereby providing an incentive for further activity and expansion. This greater activity of business will reabsorb the unemployed, and their wages will expand the market, thus providing greater profits, greater activity, more wages, a wider market, and so on ad infinitum.

Same Old Hokum
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CIO INSISTS ON INDUSTRIAL UNION BASIS

Demands of Local Unions
Bolster Fight for
Labor Unity

WASHINGTON—Industrial unionism is still the issue before the unit conference between the American Federation of Labor and the Committee for Industrial Organization, which continued deliberations Monday.

George L. Harrison, AFL committee chairman, described Monday's session by saying:

"We made a lot of progress, although we reached no definite conclusions. I wouldn't make any prediction that we will make peace at these conferences either one way or the other. Right now we are going along and chopping the brush out."

AFL Unions Aid CIO Fight
However, despite Harrison's statement, it was learned that the CIO committee is making some progress in its fight for labor unity, and that the progress it has made has been greatly assisted by demands of AFL local unions for unity on the basis of industrial unionism for the mass production and other basic industries.

The AFL committee proposed last Friday a sort of running debate on the jurisdictional conflicts between the new CIO industrial unions and the AFL craft bodies, but was quickly forced back to reality by CIO Chairman Philip Murray who pointed out, there must be some basic yardstick for such discussions.

Murray hammered home that recognition of industrial unionism in the mass production industries, which the AFL committee had tried to evade, was precisely that yardstick.

As to the union groups conflicting on jurisdiction, that were to meet, the CIO delegation emphasized that they could not accomplish anything unless blended into the general negotiating committee—a decision which would begin to approximate the original CIO proposal for a committee of 100 on each side.

Harrison admitted Friday that the Monday discussion would meet to "resume the discussion of this industrial unionism question." He further amplified: "We intend to go after this subject of industrial unionism and where it fits until we can reach some tentative application, if that is possible."

For 100% Organization
"Our fight isn't against the AFL—it's against the non-union employers."

The only dispute I'm interested in is between the workers and capital. The CIO is going to continue until the workers of the country are organized, with or without the assistance of the AFL.

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Native City Is Razed by Fire; Toll Mounting

Chinese Troops Withdraw to New Lines
After Three-Month Stand Against
Superior Forces

SHANGHAI—China's most modern metropolis was turned into an inferno of fear and terror as the Japanese invading army extended its occupation, leaving ruin and corpses in its wake.

This first armed occupation of a large modern city was the most terrifying spectacle of the four-month undeclared war. Japanese artillery and air forces incessantly pounded away at fleeing civilians and retreating troops.

Native quarters of the poor people were in flames. Nantao, native city inhabited by hundreds of thousands of Chinese, was a roaring bonfire stretching from north to south along the borders of the French settlement.

It is impossible to estimate at this time how many Chinese civilians, including women and children, were slaughtered. Perhaps the number never will be known but observers place their guesses in the tens, and some in hundreds of thousands.

While helpless civilians were thus left at the mercy of the Japanese, Chinese troops made an effort to establish a new base at Lihuo, 21 miles northwest of Shanghai. These troops who for three months withstood the attacks of the superior Japanese forces, kept their ranks intact in retreat, as "suicide" rear guard battalions harried the enemy's advance lines.

At the same time conflicting reports reached the North. Some sources stated that Taiyuan-Fu, capital of Shansi province, had completely fallen into the hands of the Japanese. Others stated that 10,000 Chinese soldiers under General Fu Tso-Yi have formed themselves into "death battalions," holding off the Japanese in an effort to emulate the heroism of Shanghai's "lost battalion" which held off 40,000 Japanese in the Chapei area.

Shansi province was the scene of the Chinese Red Army (now the Eighth Route Army) defense against the invaders.

China Sticks To Principles
NANKING—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, head of the Chinese national government and of its armed defenses, formally reaffirmed China's refusal to enter direct negotiations with Japan.

Even if this course were formally approved at Brussels, said Chiang, such a proposal would "serve no other purpose than to increase China's difficulties."

The statement followed a Chinese denial of rumors at Brussels that China was ready to agree to mediation by Nazi Germany.

In his statement, Chiang Kai-shek reaffirmed the government's adherence to its military strategy which he described as conserving China's power to the greatest possible extent while exhausting that of the enemy.

Red Army Tactics
Future Chinese tactics will be on even more of a guerilla basis, it had been indicated by prominence given by the government to an announcement issued by Chou En-lai, general secretary of the Chinese Communist Party and spokesman for the government for the Eighth Route Army fighting in Northern Shansi province.

"The Japanese probably will capture Taiyuan-fu, capital of Shansi, at any moment," Chou said, "but that does not mean that the Eighth Route Army will stop fighting or that it will carry out a general retreat to the South."

"As a matter of fact, General Chu Teh has had his best regiments scattered for some time and has been using them merely to harass the Japanese so that eventually the Japanese will have to withdraw from Shansi."

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Labor League Points to '38 Vote in Convention Call

POLICIES AND ORGANIZATION ARE STRESSED

Dec. 11-12 Confab Will Not Endorse Candidates, Says State Chairman

SAN FRANCISCO—With political gains of labor in the forefront of returns from local and state elections throughout the nation, Labor's Non-Partisan League of California has issued its call for a convention bearing a promise of making labor a decisive factor in the 1938 elections of this state.

The convention had already been announced for San Francisco's Civic Auditorium December 11 and 12.

Issuing the official call, State Chairman A. F. Gaynor and Secretary-Treasurer Herbert Resner, declared that the business of the convention would be confined to perfecting the organization and that candidates would not be endorsed. State officers of the League, however, will be elected and policies adopted.

Both said, however, that the substantial gains made by labor tickets in New York, Pennsylvania, Detroit, Akron and other centers were indications that the establishment of the League in this state would have a profound effect on the 1938 elections.

All Unions Invited
All unions, AFL, CIO, railway and independent are asked to send delegates, as are fraternal and progressive, cooperative and civic groups.

Gaynor related the remarks of the League's national executive vice-president, E. L. Oliver, who said during his recent visit here



E. L. OLIVER

that "the most recent check of the state chairmen of the League in each of the states showed a majority of AFL and railway brotherhood men in these positions."

Voting Strength Announced
Rules for delegations, accompanying the call, provided that each local union is entitled to voting strength of one delegate for each 500 members or major fraction, with a minimum of two delegates. Lack of full delegation will not reduce voting strength. Central labor bodies and district councils are entitled to two delegates each, as are the county councils of Labor's Non-Partisan League. Assembly district clubs of the League are entitled to one delegate. Occupational, fraternal and other invited organizations are entitled to one delegate each.

A registration fee of \$1 is required for each vote claimed by organizations sending delegates.

The Whitcomb Hotel in San Francisco will be convention headquarters. Registration will begin at 8 a. m. at Polk Hall of the Civic Auditorium on the morning of Saturday, December 11.

Steel Lodge Calls For CIO Council In Contra Costa

PITTSBURGH, Contra Costa County—A move to inaugurate a CIO Industrial Council in this county was under way here this week, following issuance of a call here by the Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel & Tin Workers, Lodge 1440, to all CIO unions.

Local 1440 is sponsoring a conference on November 16, 8 p. m., at the Martinez Labor Temple, at which setting up such a council will be the order of business. A quorum of five unions is necessary for a charter.

"Uniting of CIO unions would aid organizational work in the county," states the call. "The old Contra Costa County Central Trades & Labor Council has been rendered ineffective since its AFL charter was revoked. The rapid strides of the CIO have made organization of a CIO Council imperative."

SOVIET FARMERS MOTOR
MOSCOW—By the end of this year, an estimated 23,000 automobiles will have been delivered to collective-farm villages, more than twice last year's delivery.

Non-Partisan League Call To Dec. 11-12 Convention

The full text of the call to the December 11-12 convention of Labor's Non-Partisan League of California follows:

November 5, 1937.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

Labor's Non-Partisan League is now in existence in California, having absorbed what was formerly the California People's Legislative Conference. The League has been in the forefront of the campaigns resulting in recent political victories by organized labor in New York, Detroit, Pittsburgh and other cities. It was influential in the re-election of President Roosevelt.

The League is now calling upon all of organized labor in California for similar action in this state. The time has come for California labor to solidify its gains on the economic front by vigorous action in the political field.

Lesson of Past
Still vividly in the laborer's mind is the lesson of the last Legislature where measures for the benefit of the working people were defeated by reactionary politicians.

A recurrence of this situation can be averted only by the unity of labor along political lines. Labor's Non-Partisan League is prepared to lead the fight for progressive, pro-labor government both in Sacramento and municipalities throughout California. The League says, "Bring the New Deal to California!"

Labor's Non-Partisan League is the channel through which a unity of purpose of the political front can be realized by all of labor in California—by the AFL, the Railroad Brotherhoods, the CIO, independent unions, and

friends of labor joining hands to place in public office officials friendly to labor, and securing the enactment of needed labor legislation. We appeal to your organization to join the program to make labor's voice heard and its influence unmistakably felt in California politics.

To Perfect Organization
This is a call for a state-wide convention of Labor's Non-Partisan League of California to be held in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, on December 11 and 12, 1937. At this convention an organizational plan will be perfected in which all present will have a part. Officers will be elected, and action will be taken on other matters of concern to the League in keeping with the League's principles, which are contained in the enclosed booklet.

Will your organization elect delegates to the convention pursuant to the rules which are printed on the back of the enclosed credentials, and return the credentials with the names of your delegates to our State Office at 83 McAllister Street, San Francisco?

Your immediate, favorable action is urgently requested. Whether labor will make its might felt in the government of California depends on your participation in the League.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
A. F. GAYNOR,
State Chairman.
HERBERT RESNER,
Secretary.

(Seal)

Inquiry Into Pacific Mutual Raises Numerous Questions Of Probable Stock Swindles

By P. SCOFIELD

LOS ANGELES—Last week at the Pacific Mutual probe before Assembly Interim Committee those present witnessed the spectacle of a high state official, Attorney General U. S. Webb acting, in effect, as counsel for the corporation whose financial affairs are under inquiry.

As soon as the Pacific Mutual hearing opened, Nathan Newby, democrat, and attorney, lost no time in making a vitriolic assault on William H. Neblett, democrat and attorney, who was engaged to assist the Interim Committee.

If Democrat Neblett is out to exploit the committee to throttle Republicans, as Democrat Newby charged, a review of Pacific Mutual history would seem to justify this course.

Nine Questions
In July 1936, a news story broke which indicated some people were suspicious of the so-called Pacific Mutual "reorganization." At the time, the following questions were posed by persons who studied available records:

1—If the impairment in Pacific Mutual reserves was caused by issuance of "non-cancelable" accident policies on which premium income was insufficient to meet outgo, how is it that company officers allowed this impairment to mount to \$23,000,000 before taking any action?

2—How is it that Insurance Commissioner Carpenter failed to take any action until insurance commissioners of five other states flatly insisted he step into the Pacific Mutual situation?

The Real Cause?
3—Are these much-discussed "non-cancelable" accident policies the real cause of the \$23,000,000 impairment, after all?

4—Why were eight of the very same board of directors under which Pacific Mutual reached its impasse named as members of the "new" board?

5—Why did Governor Merriam oust Insurance Commissioner E. Forest Mitchell from office immediately after he was inaugurated, and replace him with Samuel L. Carpenter Jr., vice-president and general manager of Rule & Son, financial house controlled by Pacific Mutual?

6—If a \$23,000,000 impairment reserve existed in Pacific Mutual, how was it that the company's statement as of December 31, 1935, sent through the mails, showed an excess income of \$10,368,516 for that year, an increase of nearly \$3,000,000 over that of 1934?

7—Did the shortage accumulate in the few months intervening between "reorganization" and the last dividend payment of Pacific Mutual, a good-sized one, on January 8, 1935?

A Cover Up?

8—Why did officers of the company ask to have their stock shares withdrawn from the board of the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, later in 1934, thus releasing them from the duty of making reports on the status of the company to the exchange?

9—Why did Insurance Commissioner Carpenter wait 16 months after taking office before noting this shortcoming of his predecessors?

Many of these questions will be answered in subsequent articles.

Tell the "Western" What Is Happening in Your Town, Shop or Neighborhood!

SACRAMENTO RALLY GREET C. S. VICTIMS

First Open Communist Rally in Three Years Attended by 300

SACRAMENTO—The Communist Party's first open mass meeting in three years held here last Sunday attracted more than 300 persons who jammed every inch of available seating space in Forester's Hall, crowded the aisles and overflowed into the vestibule.

The largely dungaree and blue denim shirt audience joyously extended its welcome to the released Criminal Syndicalism prisoners who were sentenced in Sacramento two and a half years ago, and marked the 20th anniversary of the Russian Revolution.

Four of the original C. S. prisoners were there in person to receive the greetings of their former fellow workers and comrades. They were Jack Crane and Martin Wilson, released from San Quentin three weeks ago after the Appeals Court reversed their original conviction, and Nora Conklin and Lorine Norman. All four spoke briefly and expressed their joy at once more being able to be with and speak to the workers of Sacramento.

A resolution was passed condemning the Sacramento Bee for its refusal to accept a paid advertisement announcing the meeting.

Al Richmond, editor of the Western Worker, spoke on the significance of the twenty years' existence of the Soviet Republics.

Presiding was John Morgan, county organizer of the Communist Party. A collection tipping the one-hundred dollar mark was taken up and its proceeds will go towards the Daily Western Worker.

Legionaire Bans Ariz. Pacifists

PHOENIX, Arizona—No pacifist floats in the Armistice Day parade at Tucson is the dictum of the chairman of the parade committee, Legionnaire Gorm Lotfield.

A body of students at the University of Arizona offered to put in a "peace" float for the parade, with the banner declaring "preparedness leads to war" but the doughty dough-boy ruled it out of order and declared he has the pacifist student "scotched."

It is believed, however, that the students will be there with their banners.

Anarchist Editor Defended in L. A.

LOS ANGELES—For the fourth time in 18 years of persecution by the U. S. labor department, Marcus Graham, editor of the Anarchist periodical "Man" was scheduled to face deportation proceedings here Wednesday, November 10, on "alien radical" charges.

Without warrant of any kind, Graham was arrested here October 6.

With his legal defense undertaken by the American Civil Liberties Union and its Attorney Al Wirin, his case has been taken up by a Marcus Graham Freedom of the Press Committee, whose Southern California sponsors include Jim Tully, Donald Ogden Stewart, Conrad Bercovici, Vicki Baum, Frank Scully and Kate Crane Gartz.

"War on CIO" Is Postponed Again

SAN FRANCISCO—American Federation of Labor reactionaries "war on the CIO" went into another postponement last Saturday, when a committee meeting to "organize waterfront, teaming and lumber workers on the Pacific Coast" was delayed until November 15.

The meeting the previous week adjourned with no results because finances for the "war chest" failed to arrive, it was admitted by the AFL officials.

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Perkins Opens Minimum Wage Conference



SECRETARY OF LABOR Francis Perkins presides over the two-day meeting of the seventh minimum wage conference in Washington, D. C., at which 22 states were represented and problems of women workers were discussed.

Young Democrats in Hollywood Declare Relief Scale Too Low

"Indecently Low" WPA Wages Cited to Scout Theory That Workers Prefer to Avoid Private Employment

By BOB HALDEN

LOS ANGELES—Meager relief pittance and "indecently low wages" in private industry thoroughly exploded the assertion that WPA workers prefer their relief status to private employment, a special committee of the Hollywood Central Young Democrats found last week.

Reporting on the "Problem of Relief," the committee stated that "those on relief or on WPA receive so very little that the complaint falls of its own absurdity."

"At most invariably," the committee continued, "it will be found that the private employment is offered at indecently low wages. Moreover, it must be remembered that when a man quits his WPA job or his relief status for private employment, it is very difficult, usually impossible, for him to get back on relief when the private employment comes to an end."

No life of comfort and ease is led by the worker on relief, the report showed.

Relief Too Low

"The quantity and quality of relief now provided, although undoubtedly higher than in most states, is nevertheless so low that there are thousands of families in desperate need of assistance and not receiving it, while a very high proportion of those receiving assistance are underfed, ill-clad, and badly housed—living under conditions that give the lie to our so-called American standard of living."

Along with the general problem of relief, have come malnutrition and disease.

"Mental pathology, tuberculosis, and the deficiency diseases are on the increase," read the report.

Noting the advance of relief needs during the past few years, the committee found it is imperative that we once again examine the situation with a view to devising more adequate and more humane relief; if possible, without unduly increasing the load of taxation which, as at present distributed, bears most heavily, upon families of lowest incomes."

The report included a general statement of the relief problem and a survey of the relief set-up now in existence. "Recommendations for attitudes and actions to be taken by the Hollywood Young Democrats" are scheduled

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M'DONOUGH'S BAIL LICENSE IN BALANCE

Insurance Commissioner To Act on Application This Week

SAN FRANCISCO—The House of McDonough faced the strong possibility of having to act through an intermediary if it remains a figure in the bail bond business in San Francisco.

State Insurance Commissioner Samuel L. Carpenter was scheduled to render a decision early this week on the application of the McDonough Brothers under the new state laws regulating such business. Since the application can be denied on grounds of "moral character," the granting or denial was discretionary with the commissioner.

Rumors that he had definitely decided to deny the application were widespread.

McDonough's "moral character" not only had been thoroughly opened to question by his refusal to testify and by tapped telephone conversations exposing the connections of his firm with prostitution and police graft, but powerful political interests opposing the Rossi administration had been brought into the pressure campaign against him.

An apparent rift in the McDonough machine itself developed with the withdrawal of Byron Parker as the McDonough attorney. Whether this was actually a rift or a step in setting up a new front, for McDonough was still a question, however, Parker immediately applied for a bail bond license of his own.

Chinese Consul to Address L. A. Meet

LOS ANGELES—T. K. Chang, Chinese Consul will address a mass meeting being held by the Eastside Branch of the American League Against War and Fascism, Friday, November 12, 8 p. m.

The meeting is the first in a series planned by the branch to call attention of the workers to the Chinese situation and to organize help for China against invasion.

The meeting is being held at The Grace M. E. Church, at 200 No. St. Louis St. Dr. Floyd Seaman, well known progressive, Professor H. B. Alexander and Allen Metcalf will participate in the program.

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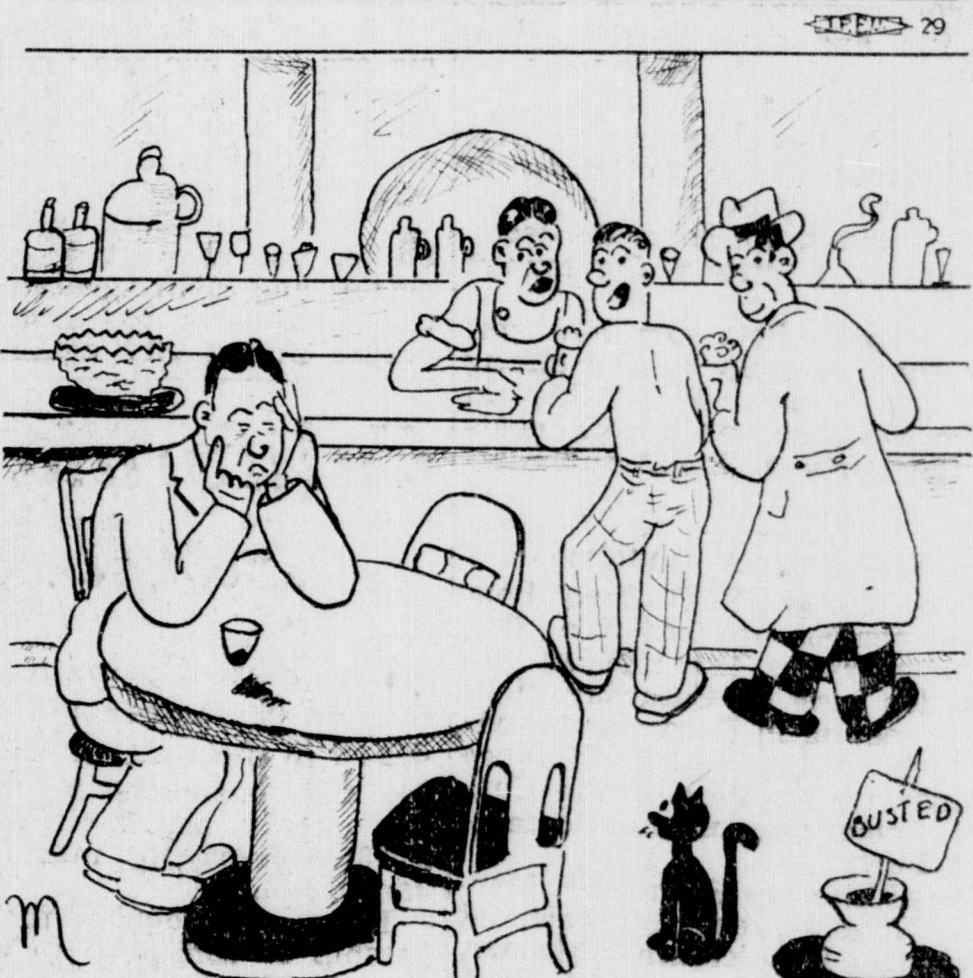
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Brussels Meet Threatened By Sabotage of Fascists

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BRUSSELS—With a background of Italy's successful defiance of world opinion in the forcible acquisition of Ethiopia, Germany's tearing up of the Versailles Treaty and the Locarno pact, and Japan's rape of Manchuria and present mass invasion of China, the Nine-Power Conference met in this city on November 3.

"Democratic policy," remarks Frederick T. Birchall, Brussels correspondent of the New York Times, "as exemplified by the Franco-British attitude toward burning questions, has been one of bold utterance speedily followed by strategic retreat and ultimate compromise on the basis of accepting the demands of dictatorship."

Such a pessimistic attitude, born out of the continuous retreat of all the big nations except Russia before the attack of fascism, seemed to dominate the opening of the Conference called to cope with the Far-Eastern crisis.

Nazis Confident

Two of the main powers concerned, Japan and Germany, refused to attend the discussion with the signatories of the 1922 Washington Treaty guaranteeing China's territorial integrity. Japan's refusal issued by Foreign Minister Koki Hirota reiterated Japanese contention that she was fighting in China in self-defense and that the Nine-Power Treaty, although she had once signed it, was now obsolete because of spreading communism in China.

At the opening of the meetings, Der Angriff, organ of Minister of propaganda Goebbels, was quite confident of the outcome.

"It is fairly obvious that even the nations chiefly interested do not expect much from this conference... the Japanese advance will not be stemmed. The course of this historic drama cannot be limited by declarations or conferences."

The confidence of the Nazis undoubtedly stems from the record of the London Non-intervention Committee on Spain. Meeting to block foreign intervention in Spain, the committee at first wholly ruled out the question of recognition of the insurgents as belligerents.

Then it was implied that this might follow the withdrawal of the foreign "volunteers." Finally the withdrawal of the "volunteers" passed into the background with recognition of the insurgents the sole issue.

Triangle Offensive

With the conclusion on last Saturday of the long-heralded Germany-Italy-Japan pact "against Communism," the triangular offensive against the democratic powers was made formal. Italy has sent delegates to the Brussels conference while Germany has not. Practical observers of the foreign arena are inclined to see Japan buttressed in the conference by Italy as a voting member, while Germany, another Japanese adherent, works on the outside.

In the Soviet Union, the only consistent opponent to the fascist onslaught, the official Pravda warns: "Italy with the help of her associates and counting upon the toleration of the bourgeois democratic powers, will undoubtedly try to turn the conference into a new edition of the London Non-intervention Committee on Spain."

Kidwell Hits New Employers' Assn.

SAN FRANCISCO—A new restaurant owners' organization, which is demanding a meeting with the unions, was scored here last week by George Kidwell, chairman of the joint strike committee in the walkout on the Foster Lunch System, who termed the program as "designed to tear down the standards the unions have established over the years."

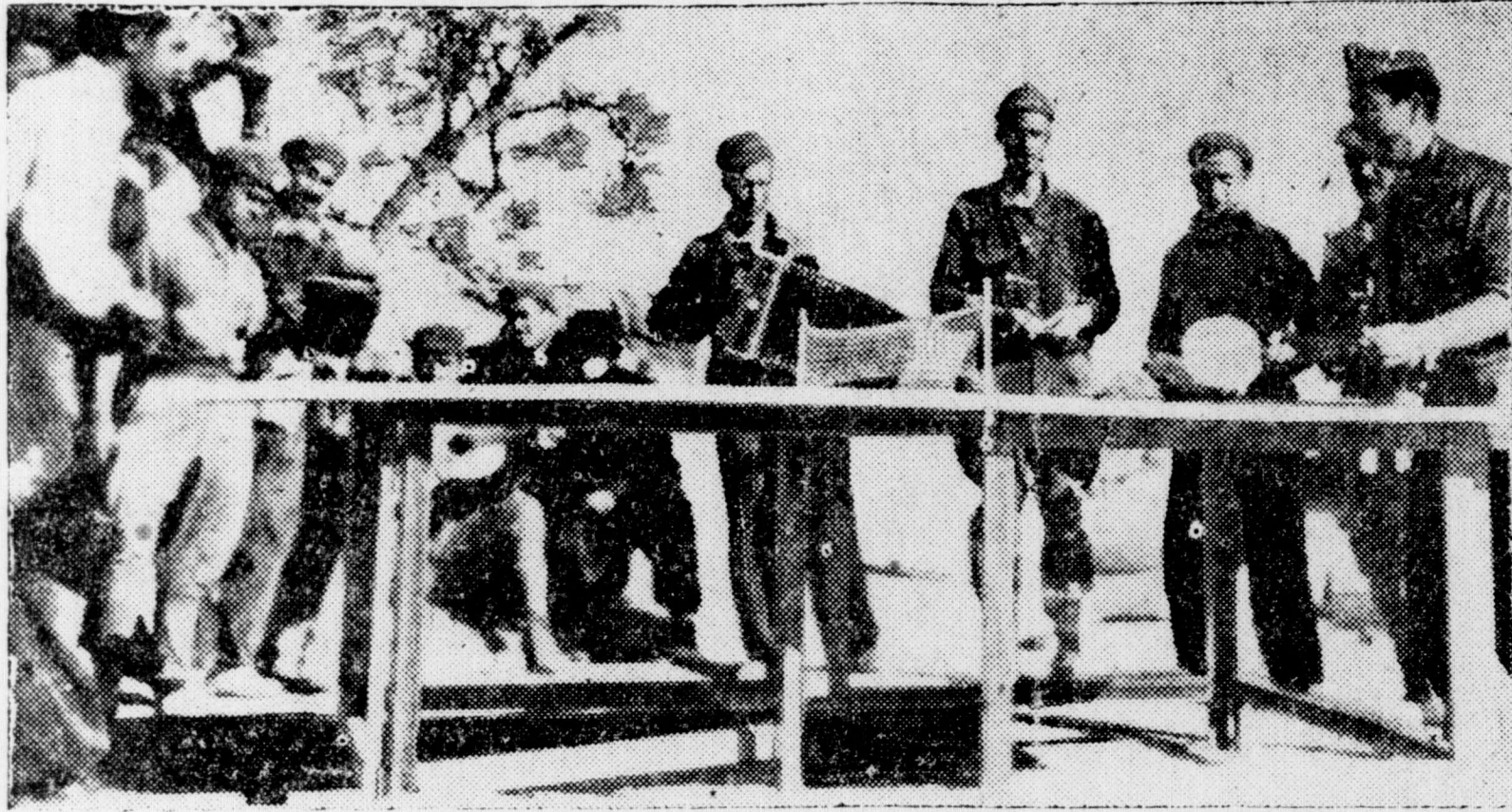
"We will negotiate with those restaurants which are not yet organized and with whom we do not have agreements, existing contractual relations," said Kidwell. This Golden Gate Restaurant Assn. is a new organization of employers, organized to disrupt present contracts.

CIO Office Union Agrees to Truce

SAN FRANCISCO—Under a truce providing reopening of closed stores and resumption of striking office workers returned to work in the Safeway Co., last Monday.

The truce was reached at a meeting arranged by Ernest Dunbar, of the National Labor Relations Board, Lee Allen, of the CIO, and a representative of the CIO Office & Professional Workers Union.

A Ping-Pong Game in the Midst of Battle



LINCOLN BATTALION boys are enjoying a little recreation during a brief lull in the fighting behind the lines of the Jarama Front.

Diary of an American in Spain

Watching for Looters We Find Champagne And a Huge Cheese

By ADDISON KEELER

We are on guard duty in the captured town of Quinto. But our orders are confusing. We discuss them, Smith, Barry and I as we patrol the silent streets. The looting of the food and liquor stores must be stopped—but diplomatically.

How in hell can you diplomatically explain to hungry comrades that they must refrain from taking food to which they naturally feel they are entitled? That's the problem. Moreover, after three days of marching and fighting, we three are hungry and thirsty ourselves.

Comes the sound of footsteps approaching down a dark alley. We wait in the shadow of a building, thumbs on the safeties of our rifles. There still are fascists hidden in the town and these may be some who are trying to escape.

Three Raiders

The footsteps draw closer. Then out into the patch of moonlight step three comrades whom we recognize as belonging to the Dimitrov battalion. One carries a gun over his shoulder a huge ham; the second has a basket of eggs in one hand and a cheese in the other; the third lugs a cask of wine.

We challenge them and then the fun begins! None of us speak Spanish and the Dimitrovs know no English and little Spanish. We attempt to explain by sign language that the food must be returned. We try a jargon of words from several tongues: "Nicht take jambon—verboten, defendu."

Dimitrovs Triumph

The Dimitrovs who greeted us first with smiles as fellow looters, grow angry. It is plain that they believe we are trying to take their food from them in order to eat it ourselves.

Finally—"Oh hell, let 'em have it," says our corporal. The Dimitrovs depart triumphantly with their food and we take up again the dreary patrol.

The sight of all that good food reminds us that we haven't eaten a satisfying meal in three days. "What wouldn't I give for a platter of ham and eggs," sighs Smith. We resolve that somewhere, somehow, this patrol is going to eat.

A Mysterious Sedan

At the foot of a wide street, near the outskirts of the town, stands a large black sedan. "Must have been abandoned here by the fascists," we try to explain. We try the door, but all are locked. Barry opens the compartment in back and flashes his light. "Look what's here!"

Two bottles of champagne, a bottle of Vermouth, two large cans of assorted cookies, a huge cheese!

In no time we have the stuff out of the car and are on our way to find some spot where we can feast unmolested. "Some place where we won't be bothered by looters," says Smith with a grin.

We Feast

Here is a good place at the end of an alley. We sit down with our backs supported comfortably against a wall and commence. The champagne is excellent, imported from Rheims; the Vermouth is Italian. The cookies are crisp and delicious, of all sorts from Nabisco's to chocolate snaps. And the cheese is rich and nutty, the best we have yet tasted in Spain.

"The fascist officers feed well," someone says. "We eat, we stuff, we gorge. Huge mouthfuls of cookies and cheese, washed down with the bitter-sweet Vermouth and the sparkling champagne. What a feast!"

Under its influence our weariness passes. It is pleasant to recall that the last meal we had was a little luke-warm coffee. The contrast makes us very happy.

NAZI DEMANDS FOR COLONIES GAIN HEARING

British Imperialists Are
Divided on South
Africa Cession

UNITED OF SOUTH AFRICA—The recent Canadian speech of Te Water, British High Commissioner of South Africa to the effect that Hitler's colonial demands in South Africa should be peacefully satisfied, has created a furor in this British dependency.

Te Water was first reported as blandly proposing the return to Nazi Germany of Tanganyika (formerly German East Africa) and the former German Southwest Africa. Later the news agencies circulated corrections saying that all he had said was that German demands should be sympathetically considered, adding that he spoke in a personal capacity only.

General Hertzog, Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa is thought to be in favour of giving up the former German colonies which are now included within the Union. His Defense Minister, Oswald Pirow, is a notorious pro-fascist and makes no secret that he would heartily support such a step.

Strong currents of opinion in Great Britain itself doubt the advisability of this capitulation to Nazi demands.

"If Britain prepared," asks imperialist-minded Quarterly Review, "to allow that any power advancing these claims is equally or better fitted to undertake the trusteeship of the native races?"

Rather than endanger British prestige or markets, conservative interests in England would much rather see a war in Europe with Nazi expansion to the East.

Says the "Army Quarterly," London military journal: "It seems generally understood in Germany that the only way to win her Colonial Empire by force is by a war in Europe—not Africa."

Fight PG&E Moves For Company Union

SAN FRANCISCO—The National Labor Relations Board will be asked to prevent the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. from exerting pressure on employees to vote for a company union in the forthcoming NLRB election to determine the workers' collective bargaining agent, announced the CIO United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers Union last Friday.

The union is preparing evidence on intimidation by the PG&E to submit to the board. In recent weeks picked office employees have been given two days a week "vacation" to go out and "whoop it up" for the company union; the UERMWU stated.

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SAN FRANCISCO—Governor Elmer Benson, Farmer-Laborite of Minnesota; Governor Philip LaFollette, of Wisconsin, and John L. Lewis, CIO chairman, have been invited by the Mooney Defense Committee to speak at a huge "Free Tom Mooney" mass meeting in Civic Auditorium some time between November 23 and 28.

USSR FACTORY LEADERS PLAN LARGE OUTPUT

New Commissar of Heavy
Industry Leads
Conference

MOSCOW—As the Soviet Union entered its twentieth year of socialist construction, 400 factory leaders of the Soviet metal and coal industries met to consider current problems confronting production in heavy industry.

The conference was opened by a speech by Joseph Stalin contrasting the high esteem and responsibility of the factory manager and director in the USSR with his role as a tool of the boss in other lands.

A plan to put new life blood into the Soviet metal industry was drawn up under the guidance of Lazar M. Kaganovich, new People's Commissar of Heavy Industry. Because of his excellent organizational work, Kaganovich has become known in the Soviet Union as "the trouble-shooter."

Conference Problem

While the Soviet metal industry is far above previous figures of production, it has not kept up with the ambitious plan drawn up for it. This situation caused a need for the present conference.

In capitalist Russia there was no big iron and steel industry, but last year after about 18 years of Soviet rule and nine years of reconstruction of the industry, the situation was vastly different. In 1936, 14,400,000 tons of cast iron were smelted; the output of steel was 16,400,000 tons and almost 12,500,000 tons of rolled steel came out of the huge steel mills of the USSR.

The Stalin combinat in Magnitogorsk alone turned out two and one-half times as much cast iron in 1936 as all Poland.

Solution Sought

Virtually the entire Soviet iron and steel industry was built or reconstructed during the years of the workers' government, only 3.4 per cent of last year's output being produced on factories and equipment dating back to the years before the Revolution.

But so far the metal industry has not carried out its promise to give to other branches of industry 60,000 tons of steel and 45,000 tons of rolled steel per day.

The solution, according to the conference decisions, lies in three points: technical changes, closer collaboration between workers and directors in the factories, and the more widespread application of socialist competition and Stakhanovism.

Judge Aids Open Shop

CIO Leader Attacks L. A.
Judicial Dictatorship

LOS ANGELES—Legal support to strikebreaking was given employers last week in a flagrant anti-labor decision handed down by Superior Judge Emmet H. Wilson.

Judge Wilson ruled that "a strike is terminated when the strikers' positions are filled with competent help," and the employers' business has returned to normal, and picketing may thereupon be enjoined.

"While the decision involves an AFL union, it strikes a blow at all organized labor in Los Angeles," declared C. H. Jordan, secretary of the local CIO Industrial Union.

"Judge Wilson's action to our minds demonstrates the continuance of government by injunctions. All organized labor will cooperate in smashing such judicial dictatorship."

Judge Wilson's decision rose out of an action against the Amalgamated Meat Cutters Union to enjoin picketing at the Allen and Huck Markets, and at the "Price is King" Market.

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Fascist Powers Penetrate South America Nations

Economic Moves Followed By Immigrants
and Propagandists

BRAZIL—In many Brazilian state schools the children are taught to cry "Heil Hitler" instead of "Viva O Brazil." This is only one instance given by Wilbur Burton in the November issue of Current History of Nazi penetration into this and other South American countries.

By use of the compensated mark, according to the same source, German and Brazilian goods are exchanged with a 20 to 50 per cent price advantage over imports from any other country. By this method Germany took the lead away from the United States at the beginning of 1936 of imports into Brazil. Following this economic success has grown Nazi immigration and propaganda into this country.

Germany is also active, but not pronouncedly, in other South American countries. In Bolivia, the present army ruling clique is largely surrounded by German advisors. The Chilean army is being trained by a German mission, and there was formerly a German military mission in Peru.

Japanese Active

The same informant sees the long hand of Japanese militarism in Brazil and other American countries. There are now about 500,000 Japanese in Brazil which is more than in any other country of the world outside Japan, excepting Tokyo-dominated Manchukuo.

Japan has also been quite active in Peru and has an overseas colony there of about 50,000—one large concession here is the Japanese growing coca leaves to supply Chinese with the narcotic cocaine.

Hand of Hitler

Also says Barton: "I did find considerable Italian propaganda in Uruguay and Argentina, with some Spanish newspapers subsidized by Rome, and there was a curious incident in Montevideo last Christmas when the Italian legation gave bags of delicacies to anyone calling for them. Also there have been a number of Italian missions in South America, one of which is now training the Peruvian police."

The reason for the extreme interest by all the fascist powers in Brazil is to be found in that country's tremendous iron deposits, exceeding those of the United States. This is very tempting to these three war-making nations.

Argentina Bans Wheat Sale to Avert Crisis

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina—Although the Argentine is one of the leading wheat producers of the world, the government has been forced to invoke a wheat embargo to avoid bread riots.

The decree, prohibiting the exportation of wheat and flour until further notice, came when the price of bread attained such heights that it became almost a luxury to the poorer people for whom it is the principal article of diet.

Profiteers

The distribution of bread in Buenos Aires has long been a serious social and economic problem, and there has been a strong public demand for the national government to do something about it.

There are 900 bakeries in the city but the big retailers who purchase it from the bakers resell it at a profit of approximately 40 per cent. Also to blame for the situation are the huge exports of this year's bumper crop of wheat. To date, exports of the grain total 103,416,200 bushels as compared to 42,536,200 bushels on the same date last year.

This is the first time since 1920 that Argentina has put an embargo on wheat exports. At that time, as now, exports to foreign countries caused a local shortage and threatened mass starvation.

End of Dictator Regime Relieves Ecuador People

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador—

SAN FRANCISCO

UNIONS LAUNCH BOYCOTT DRIVE TO AID PEACE

State Department Asked to
Put Embargo on Japan
By Labor Gathering

SAN FRANCISCO—Department stores piled high with Japanese Christmas goods are due for picket lines.

More than 35 AFL and CIO unions, joined by Chinese organizations representing practically every individual in Chinatown and by 24 fraternal and cultural organizations, set up a permanent conference to initiate embargo against Japan at a meeting last Sunday in Chinese Native Sons Hall here.

Ask U. S. Embargo

Plans were laid not only for picket lines around stores which contribute to the Japanese financial base in this country, but to carry on a campaign of economic and mass pressure to secure a U. S. government embargo on munitions and secondary war materials to Japan.

A telegram to the State Department demanded such an embargo. The conference further passed a motion urging all affiliates and other unions to support the marine unions in the event of direct strike action to enforce an embargo.

Loud cheers filled the conference room as a message of greeting was read from the Chinese crew of the S. S. Christensen, detained on Angel Island after they had gone on a sitdown strike to prevent the shipment of 6000 tons of scrap iron to Japan.

Another round of applause greeted Karl Yonida, Japanese member of the Alaska Cannery Workers and of the Japanese Labor League, who applauded the boycott and denounced the forthcoming visit of Bunja Suzuki, head of the Japanese "labor" delegation to this country.

Congratulate Mexico

The conference sent congratulatory letters to the Mexican government for its embargo against Japan and to the French transport workers for strike action in refusing to handle Japanese goods.

State Chairman A. F. Gaynor of Labor's Non-Partisan League presided. Among unions represented were Machinists Locals 68 and 732, Alaska Fishermen, the Alaska Cannery Workers, Deep Sea and Purse Seine Fishermen, Bakery Wagon Drivers, I.L.G. W.U. Local 101, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, Marine Firemen, Marine Cooks and Stewards, ILWU Locals 1-6 and 1-10 and Construction and General Laborers' No. 261.

San Francisco AFL Labor Council Urges Unity in Wire to AFL-CIO Parley

SAN FRANCISCO—The AFL Central Labor Council voted unanimously at its meeting last Friday night, to telegraph the AFL-CIO unity conference now in session in Washington, D. C., urging that unity be achieved.

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CIO Makes Headway in Fight for Labor Unity

PRESSED by the Committee for Industrial Organization, the fight for trade union unity in the United States is gaining headway. Developments in the unity parley between CIO and American Federation of Labor representatives at Washington last week, show that the voices of AFL local unions demanding unity on the basis of the CIO proposals, could not be ignored by the AFL committee.

Under the pressure of the rank and file, the sole stumbling block to labor unity—the AFL executive council—is steadily having its supports knocked from under it, requiring only additional demands from the AFL membership in order to compel it to act for real unity.

"Unity is necessary," declared both AFL and CIO in San Francisco, in issuing a joint statement in their united fight against the anti-picketing ordinance. Further:

"And, union brothers and sisters, both AFL and CIO, must join hands against their common foe, the unfair employer. Unity is more than an abstract principle of democracy. It is something on which the bread and butter of thousands depend."

"Full unity can and will be achieved in American Labor. Any differences we have today will be settled in due time in orderly, brotherly fashion. This is a thing to be worked out among ourselves in our own way."

Unity in the fight against the anti-picketing ordinance was crowned with victory. What greater victories on both economic and political fields, could not be won by a united labor movement of 8,000,000 members in America?

United labor, on the basis of the CIO plan for industrial unions for the mass production and other basic industries, could stride forward in seven-league boots toward 100 per cent organization, 40,000,000 strong. The need for unity grows greater day by day, as employers introduce stagger plans and start layoffs more and more.

Reports from Washington show that the AFL committee is trying to play for delay that would slow up unity, and on the other hand that the CIO committee has been greatly aided in making as much headway as it has by the scores of telegrams and resolutions which came in from AFL unions to the federation's committee during the one-week recess.

The conclusion is plain. More telegrams and resolutions must flood the AFL representatives at once, demanding they accept the CIO unity proposal. Address George Harrison, chairman of the AFL committee, and send a copy to Philip Murray, CIO chairman, for his information, both to Hotel Willard, Washington, D. C. And send a copy of your union's resolution to the Western Worker, so that Pacific Coast labor may know the strength of the unity forces in the AFL.

Maritime Commission Again Serves the Liberty League

TIRELESS in their subversive attacks against democracy, the economic royalists have launched another attack against organized labor, focalizing around the attempted frame-up of a dozen seamen of the S. S. Algic crew on charges of "mutiny."

The Maritime Commission has adopted a proposal to take over a Coast Guard station in New York and convert it into a training school for apprentice seamen, who are to be assigned to merchant ships operating under government subsidies at a fixed scale of wages, thereby displacing present seamen who are organized in the National Maritime Union.

Commissioner H. A. Wiley, retired Rear Admiral of the U. S. Navy and bitter enemy of labor, was quite brazen in admitting this plan which he authored was anti-union. When asked if this would mean the end of union hiring halls, Wiley said: "It would."

More than that, this is an attack against all labor. If successful, it would be used against all unions.

In the arrest of the Algic seamen, the anti-labor frame-up is equally brazen. The law under which they are being held in prison in Baltimore was passed in 1790, and was never intended to be used against unions, nor could it possibly be applied to a vessel in a safe harbor. The Algic crew stopped work in Montevideo harbor because it was unsafe to work with scab stevedores sent aboard, and for this they were ordered thrown in irons by Maritime Commission Chairman Kennedy and arrested on their return to Baltimore.

Three members of the Maritime Commis-

sion—Wiley, Kennedy and Ring—are outstanding in leading the attack on organized labor. The National Maritime Union is demanding the ouster of these men from the commission for the undemocratic and fascist-like measures taken by them in the case of the Algic crew. This demand of the NMU must be strengthened by resolutions and telegrams demanding the removal of this unholy trio from the commission, demanding freedom for the Algic crew, and demanding the scrapping of Wiley's anti-union plan.

Each ship's crew, each union in the United States is urged by the NMU to wire President Roosevelt with these protests. Defeat of this anti-union plan and removal of the Liberty Leaguers from the Maritime Commission, is of paramount importance to all American labor and to all believers in Democracy.

Action Now Can Change The Lineup At Brussels

SO LONG as the United States remains bound by British Tory policy at Brussels, just that long will the conference talk in circles as Italy, Germany and Japan feverishly desire it to do.

Italy, Germany and Japan make no bones about wanting to sabotage the conference. The latter two stayed out altogether. The former attended, to be able to sabotage from within. But in the midst of it the three joined in a so-called "anti-Communist" pact which the world recognizes as directed against democracy, and primarily against democracy in Spain and China.

Tory policy has strained itself to keep the U. S. from aligning itself with a genuine peace policy, the policy brought forward by China and the USSR at the Brussels conference. It is based on the firm demand that any peace proposal must be based on the recognition of the political and territorial integrity of China and on the necessity of drawing the democracies together for collective diplomatic and economic pressure against Japan.

This is clearly the program of the American people. Let it be voiced in demands that Delegate Davis take this attitude in Brussels. What the United States does can easily be pivotal in the situation, because public opinion in both France and England would see to it that those governments would follow.

Let this demand be heard in the Department of State in Washington, and at the White House!

Start the campaign now to see that, the forthcoming session of Congress revises the false "neutrality" legislation and upholds the principle of quarantine against aggressors!

San Francisco and Labor's Non-Partisan League

IN SAN FRANCISCO and throughout the nation, the vote on November 2 found the potential forces of an American People's Front advancing with tremendous strides. But let us study that San Francisco vote and compare it with the results in other cities.

Without a doubt the unity of labor on the anti-picketing ordinance was the major factor which brought its defeat. It could not have been beaten with only the labor movement opposing it. It was a genuine people's front issue wherein labor appealed to the general public and received a genuine response.

Nowhere else could it be said that the average San Francisco voter could see a clear cut choice between progress and reaction. No thoroughly united movement of progressive forces came forward, as in New York, to make it so. Reactionary supervisors were returned to office, unchallenged by the necessary coalition of forces to rally the voters on their opposition to the scandalous record of graft which surrounds the city administration.

The people of San Francisco clearly spoke their progressive inclinations on the anti-picketing ordinance. Elsewhere they had little opportunity to do so.

The election is over and another approach. But before that 1938 election the lessons of November 2, 1937, must be assimilated and the time to begin is now.

Specifically, the immediate task of the day is the building of Labor's Non-Partisan League. Its program in California will necessarily be a progressive one because as an instrument of labor it cannot be otherwise. But the specific details of this program, the candidates it will agree on, and the part it will play in 1938, will be determined only by its affiliated organizations.

San Francisco's experience in the recent city election should by all means result in San Francisco unions taking a foremost part in the December 11 and 12 convention of the Non-Partisan League.

It Ain't Cricket

SO THE Duke of Windsor is sensitive. Some naughty workers in Baltimore said that they didn't care if the Atlantic Ocean continued to separate them, and the sensitive Edward, who traded a throne for betrothal, took the hint.

The American people are traditionally generous. They didn't care whom the Duke married, but they do draw the line at association with Charles Bedeux and Adolf Hitler.

The Duke claims he was misunderstood. But if his sensitive skin could stand the friendship of Bedeux and Hitler, there isn't much room left for misunderstanding. Furthermore, after having been a "symbol" for some forty-odd years, the Duke should know how symbols work.

The whole affair isn't really as important as the newspaper space given it would lead you to believe, but for ourselves, we do not care one bit if the American continent is added to the Atlantic Ocean as the distance between us and the Duke.

MORE POWER TO HIM!



WHAT THE READERS WANT IN THE DAILY 'WESTERN'

(We publish here some representative letters expressing the desires of our readers in respect to continue the publication of such reader comments and urge all readers to send in their suggestions.—The editors.)

She Can't Resist Sending Them In

Dear Editor:

Here are my suggestions for a title for the new Daily. The last four titles are partly serious and partly humorous, and, I suppose, impossible to use. But I couldn't resist sending them in. They might be used for someone's column at any rate.

D. W., Pasadena.

(Editor's Note: All suggested names for the new paper will be kept secret till after the winners are announced. Remember—if duplicate names are sent in, the best accompanying letter explaining the value of the name will determine the winner.)

Trade Union News Fills W. W. Pages

Comrade Editor:

The paper is improving steadily but I do wish you would

not carry so much trade union news. It fills up the greater part of the paper and is so late getting out. I think we should carry more news of general interest to workers and the public of all classes if we want them to be regular readers.

Letters from the front in Spain are not enough to clarify the situation in Spain. Can we not have more news of what is going on behind the lines, how the local governments function in Loyalist and Fascist territory, etc.

I feel the W. W. is still too much of a local paper and does not take the place of the Daily Worker or even include all news of the west.

V. H., Los Angeles.

Thousands Curious About Socialism

Editor Western Worker:

Michael Quin hits the nail squarely on the head by supplying in one issue at least one

of the things the Western Worker has lacked right along, telling the people what Socialism and Communism really mean.

I believe the time is ripe to bring the message of Communism squarely and openly before the people. Many will read the paper now who have never read it before and who have only a hazy idea what it is all about.

Thousands are becoming disillusioned and disgusted with the capitalist system and are groping about for a way out. They are not so much interested in our general news items as in knowing what our whole program is—what Communism is—what Socialism is.

I was a member of the old Appeal Army, and saw the paper grow from small beginnings to the largest weekly paper in the country reaching a circulation at one time of a million or so. How did they do it? For one thing they told the people what Socialism really stood for.

R. C., San Francisco.

Communist Recruiting Drive Extended Until January 15

Statement of the Central Committee, Communist Party

TO DATE, about 8,000 new members were recruited to our Party since Sept. 1. While this is far from the number we had hoped to realize during this period, it does, nevertheless, represent a BIG ACHIEVEMENT. It shows how possible it is to build our Party. This becomes especially clear if we bear in mind that in most Districts almost the entire month of September was still taken up with preparations for the drive.

And secondly, that the 8,000 members were brought into the Party through the activity of only a fraction of the Party membership and the Party local organizations participating. It was this estimate of the situation and the desire to take full advantage of the present favorable situation that prompted the Midwestern and Eastern Party Conferences, including some 15 District Organizations and the bulk of the Party membership, to call upon the Central Committee to extend the present Recruiting Campaign until Jan. 15, and to postpone the National Party Builders Congress until the Lenin Memorial Meetings.

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED TO EXTEND THE DRIVE, AS REQUESTED BY THE DISTRICTS.

IN EXTENDING the drive, the Central Committee wishes to emphasize to the entire Party that the further successes of the drive will be realized provided the Party develops the broadest activity through agitation and actions around the major issues facing the people. These are:

1.—The fight for the economic demands of the workers, especially as they arise out of the present layoffs in many industries;

2.—The fight against high prices;

3.—The struggle for trade union unity around the basic program of the CIO, and the intensification of the campaign to organize the unemployed;

4.—The fight for peace and concrete aid to the Spanish and Chinese peoples in their struggles against fascist aggression;

5.—The full utilization of the forward movement, as shown in the municipal elections for the extension of the People's Front.

EXPERIENCE of the drive so far shows that, where the Party is not only active through its members in the trade unions and mass organizations but also organizes meetings and actions in its own name, there, the successes are best.

The campaign to date also shows that greater efforts must be directed toward building the Party among the workers in the basic industries.

Some Districts, especially Chicago, have shown that it is possible to bring large numbers of Negro people and

women into the Party. This should be borne in mind by all Party organizations.

SIMULTANEOUS with the Recruiting Drive, the greatest effort must be made in this period to get every Party member in good standing. Not one Party member shall be lost in registration. Emulate the California State Organization, and the Maryland State Organization, where they have succeeded in bringing 80 to 90 per cent of their membership in good standing.

All energies of the leading committees, of the leading comrades must be concentrated in raising the political understanding in the branches, shop and industrial units. It is by raising the political life of these organizations that we will get the whole Party active in the various campaigns, that the recruiting drive will be successful.

Make every branch meeting, every industrial and shop unit meeting until Jan. 21 an open meeting to which workers from the neighborhoods, from the shop, from the trade unions shall be invited.

Thousands and thousands of workers, farmers, professionals will understand and feel what our Party is, what our Party stands for. They will understand that it is their Party and that, by joining it, they are strengthening the vanguard of the toiling people of America.

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER.
EARL BROWDER.

As We See It

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN
Calif. State Secretary, Communist Party

Mr. Pegler's Promotion

WESTBROOK PEGLER, who may have been a good sports writer in his time, has been gradually sinking to lower and lower depths in his painful efforts to fill the role of thinker and commentator on political, economic and social subjects. His rather sour type of humor has managed to miss fire with monotonous regularity, since he has undertaken the job of red-baiting in his column on the slightest provocation. One might forgive him for taking the wrong course, knowing that he is sailing on unfamiliar seas, were it not such a serious matter. But politics is not a football game, a strike is not a prize fight, and the war danger is not a world series baseball contest.

Mr. Pegler has fallen into the error of a lot of misguided liberals who think they are doing a service to American democracy by their "impartial" denunciation of both Fascism and Communism, both Germany and Russia, both Hitler and Stalin. These so-called liberals are in strange company indeed, because the would-be fascists of America try to conceal their reactionary program by long and loud condemnations of both Fascism and Communism. Mr. Pegler must be living in a vacuum if he cannot see, or refuses to see, that there is nothing in common between the two; that Communists in America are in the forefront of the progressive camp fighting for democracy; that the Soviet Union stands for peace, while the Fascist powers stand for war; that Fascist dictatorship is as different from Soviet democracy under socialism, as day is from night. Mr. Pegler is not a conscious fascist, but his fulminations against the New Deal, the CIO, and Communism all in one breath very often give aid and comfort to the reactionary forces in America.

ON MONDAY, November 8th, the same Scripps-Howard newspapers that carried Mr. Pegler's latest stupidities carried in another column the observations of Mr. Keen, European head of the United Press, from Moscow:

"I have seen a good many national demonstrations, including Armistice Day in London and the victory parade in Paris after the World War. But never had I been so moved by the obviously deep sincerity of the participants (of the 20th anniversary demonstrations—Ed.). I did not get the impression of regimentation yesterday, as I had to some extent expected. Though the parade was ably managed and doubtless carefully programmed, it seemed to me a genuine popular tribute to the Soviet regime in which the marchers felt themselves a part. . . . Having in mind recent reports published abroad of an increase of counter-revolutionary intrigues in certain quarters, I was not prepared to find such strong indications of solidarity with the regime."

Mr. Pegler should try to recall if he ever made such observations about the situation in Germany, when he visited Berlin for the Olympic games. As we recall, he reported just the opposite. And what about the people's living standards?

"Equally surprising," reports Mr. Keen from Moscow, "was evidence on every hand of very pronounced improvements since my last trip to Russia four years ago. All the Moscovites I have seen during my present visit—and there must have been a couple of million of them—are comfortably clothed and obviously well fed, apparently reasonably happy. But of equal significance is that with the strides made in industry and agriculture there has been a steady growth along cultural lines, although Bolshevik criteria are somewhat different from those of the days of Czardom. One sign today in Soviet Russia is that the result of the first two decades of the regime has not gone to the heads of the leaders. If anything, they are working harder. This year there was much more emphasis on civil than on military activities."

We suggest to Mr. Pegler or his employers that he be promoted again, from fishing in rather muddy political waters, back to reporting good clean sports.

AN EDITORIAL

Young America In Two Scenes

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 5.—Jimmy Jones, former football star and student leader, was in San Francisco hospital today with two bullets in his back, after a trigger-nervous cop ended his first venture into "crime."

Said Jimmy from his hospital bed: "It was just gambling. I never gamble when I'm making money, but I lost my job two weeks ago in Oakland and yesterday they got a warrant out for me because I was behind in my room rent. My money was gone and I had to do something."

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 5.—Several hundred young people from all parts of California gathered here today for the opening session of a Congress to open new frontiers for California's youth.

Called by the Young Communist League, the congress immediately set to work to devise methods to improve youth's status in industry, broaden educational facilities and provide a broad system of vocational training for industry.

Said Congress leaders: "This is what is implied in our slogan of New Frontiers. The days of natural frontiers which provided opportunity and a future for youth, are gone. Society must open up new frontiers, if the present generation which has falsely been termed a 'lost' generation, is not to become lost in reality. For if it is lost, with it will be lost the American heritage of democracy and progress."

Non-Partisan League Discloses San Luis Embezzlement

COUNTY HEADS IN CONSPIRACY TO COVER UP

Supervisors Replace Exposed Grafters With Predecessors in Office

SAN LUIS OBISPO—Embezzlement of probably \$30,000 or more of public money, was brought to light here by the prodding of Labor's Non-Partisan League of San Luis Obispo County.

Photostatic copies of tax receipts are in existence here in cases where taxpayers appear on the rolls as delinquent. In a number of instances, when yearly publication of delinquent lists was made, taxpayers whose paid-in money had been stolen, and who were actually on the official delinquent list, were not publicly listed as delinquent and do not yet realize they are on the delinquent list.

Quits Under Fire

Attempting to silence everything, the board of supervisors has accepted the resignation of Tax Collector Frances Leland, and appointed Former Tax Collector Truesdale who was overwhelmingly voted out of the office in the last election because of the same kind of a scandal that has just been unearthed.

A county-wide conference has been called by the League for Sunday, November 28, in the hall of the Woodmen of the World here, with the objective of drawing all organized groups into a joint demand for full public exposure and prosecution.

The embezzlement came to light after County Auditor Willis H. Chase, fearing his own implication out of irregularities in the tax collector's office, insisted on grand jury investigation, but the matter was kept hushed until Labor's Non-Partisan League made public demands for an open investigation. Finally the local press fell into line, but still the hearing was not opened.

Hush! Hush!

Attempting to bring the situation to as quiet an end as possible, the grand jury quickly arranged with the bonding company to pay the county treasury the sum declared short in the audit. Indictment of the guilty was not even suggested, nor was a single detail of the embezzlement made public.

Incident investigation by Labor's Non-Partisan League, however, uncovered a few amazing facts.

Audit of the tax collector's books went back only three years. In this period a shortage of more than \$12,000 was found. But County Auditor Chase disclosed evidence that at least an equal amount of shortages exist prior to this period, extending back into the tenure of Truesdale, newly appointed by the supervisors.

The cost of the grand jury's investigation, which so far has accomplished little more than whitewash, will more than equal the \$12,000 restored by the bonding company.

Machine Heads Court

To top it all, an important county official has admitted to Labor's Non-Partisan League investigators that even if indictment of the guilty is made and prosecution begun, Superior Court Judge T. A. Norton, ring-leader of the county political machine, in whose court the case would ordinarily be tried, has maintained close connections with the resigned tax collector.

Federal Board Discusses Stock Slump



MEMBERS of the board of governors, as they met in their new home in Washington, D. C., to ponder the "why" of the current decline of prices on Wall Street. Left to right: M. S. Szymezak, John McKee, Ronald Ransom, vice-chairman; Marriner Eccles, chairman; and Chester C. Davis.

RED BAITING IS DEFEATED

L. A. Painters Refuse to Oust Business Agent

LOS ANGELES—The red baiting drive by reactionaries to force progressives out of leadership in the Painters' Union, met with defeat in its first test last week when a trial board of five refused to oust Don Healy, business agent of the Painters District Council, on charges of membership in the Communist Party.

Council delegates overwhelmingly sustained the verdict at the regular Friday night meeting.

Back Non-Partisan League

At the same meeting, the council voted to meet in Labor's Non-Partisan League of California and will send two delegates to the League's convention December 11-12 in San Francisco.

Three other council officers, James Meeks, president; Hugh Campbell, secretary; and Sam Adel, business agent, are scheduled to go on trial during the next three weeks on similar red-baiting charges brought by Nathan Roe, renegade from the Communist Party. Trial board for Sam Abrams and Frank Kadish, objects of similar additional charges launched by Roe, was selected and trial date set for November 20.

Shown Resigned

Council rank and file opposition defeated attempts by Chairman Vernon to remove C. C. Shown from the trial board that acquitted Healy and is to try Meeks, Campbell and Adel. However, Shown resigned to remove possibility of the episode constituting grounds for appeal to the general executive board. A substitute member, approved by the defendants, was appointed by Vernon.

Council members state Roe and reactionary forces supporting him will appeal the decision in Healy's case to the Painters' general executive board as the next step in their drive to oust all progressives from leadership.

INVADERS CELEBRATE

ZARAGOZA, Spain—The 15th anniversary of the fascist march on Rome was celebrated here with great solemnity.

Tories Spur Crisis Fear

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hokum that began two centuries ago, before monopoly had become the giant bugaboo of the economic system and rendered it impossible ever to restore individual initiative again.

What will actually happen if the monopolists succeed? The answer to this is a single fearful word: crisis.

Here is the process, so plain even a school boy can understand it, but a fact the big fellows will not admit because to do so would mean a confession of their crimes against the people.

At the present time, further advance along recovery lines without remedial steps is impossible. The people haven't money enough to buy what has already been produced in the consumers' goods industries. The consumers' goods industries have no reason to expand, hence call for no activity from the producers' goods industries. Moreover, the over-expansion of the producers' goods industries during the last depression still exists, and for this reason also, there is no need for further expansion there. The tempo of production declines all along the line.

Effect of Tories Success

Cut costs and what do you do? Either you cut wages directly by paying out smaller sums of money, or you cut them indirectly by (1) raising prices, (2) increasing taxes of the workers, (3) speed up, or (4) lengthening the working time. If you use speed-up and a longer work week, or install new machinery that displaces workers, you also increase the number of jobless. Now neither paying out smaller sums of money nor increasing the number of unemployed will expand the market. And this fact is so simple, so sensible, that its denial by the monopolists is nothing more nor less than a shameless lie. But so it is, and so will be the drive against the New Deal's effort to save the economic system from its despoilers.

Up to the People

This is why the people must reinforce and repeat their mandate to Congress of November 1936. Before we go into the analysis of the measures to be fought for, and their economic consequences, it is well to mention other reasons why the need for reinforcement is imperative. These are:

1. Possibilities of crisis in another capitalist country, spreading rapidly and accentuating the decline here.

2. Probability that Roosevelt will fail again to take a firm stand against reaction.

He may repeat his error of trying with his right hand to expand the market by increasing real income, while with his left striving to enhance the profits of monopolists. Likelihood that he may do this is indicated by very recent downward movements of the dollar abroad, reflecting a belief that the administration will employ the drastic inflationary device of currency depreciation as a short-term arm for the rapidly declining tempo of production.

3. The present mobilization of reactionary forces in Congress.

Since adjournment of Congress on August 22, the composition of that body has not been altered. On November 1 will reassemble the same representatives elected by the people and commanded to reduce hours over-long, increase wages that spell starvation, wipe out sweatshops, end monopoly in business, end the labor of children, support collective bargaining, stop unfair competition, and aid the ill-unemployed, ill-clad, and ill-housed part of the American people.

Congress adjourned without having passed any legislation to do these things. What measures were passed were glaringly inadequate. Congress—the same Congress—is on the job again. This time the mandate, must stick.

BOARD HEARS P. E. DEMANDS

Trammen Seek 80c Rate On L.A. "Red Cars"

LOS ANGELES—Wage and hour demands of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Pacific Electric lodge, are before the three-man mediation board this week at the Biltmore Hotel, operating under the provisions of the Railway Labor Act.

Appointed last week by President Roosevelt after the union set a strike date, the board is considering the demands against the "red car" company for a basic pay rate of 80 cents per hour, an eight hour day, and improved working conditions.

Company Can Pay

The union contradicted company pleas that the union demands "would cost the Pacific Electric Co. \$1,300,000 annually and there's not that much money in the street car business in Southern California" by the fact that the U. E. is a subsidiary of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

D. A. MacKenzie, BRT vice-president, pointed to an Interstate Commerce Commission decision in 1934 that the P.E. is a subsidiary of S. P.

Terms of the Railway Labor Act, which the company invoked in the present situation, state that "the term 'carrier' shall not include any street, inter-urban or suburban electric railway unless said railway is operating as a part of a general steam railway system of transportation."

Union leaders said that if it is ruled that P. E. workers do not come under this act, the company contended in 1933, they will invoke the Wagner Labor Relations Act on grounds that transportation of U. S. mail constitutes inter-state commerce.

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Affairs for the Daily "Western"

San Francisco

You are invited to a Farewell Party for Gordon Stein, on his departure to G. E. B. meeting in N. Y. Given by group of rank and file workers, Sat., Nov. 13, 8 p. m., 149 Mason St., 3rd floor.

Get your turkey at 779 Vallejo and help Western Worker. Live turkey door prize. Live turkeys to be raffled at dance. Eats and drinks. Good union music. Sat., Nov. 20, 8 p. m. All trails lead to 779 Vallejo. Auspices Waterfront Sect., CP.

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SEA UNIONS PLAN LOBBY TO FIGHT BAN

Threat of Anti-Labor Bill Rouses S. F. Council to Action

SAN FRANCISCO—Fighting against the threat of legislative shackles being placed on maritime unions in the U. S., along the lines of the compulsory arbitration, no-strike Railway Labor Act, the unions affiliated with District Council No. 2, Maritime Federation of the Pacific, this week are considering sending a lobbyist to Washington during the special session of Congress.

Z. R. Brown, secretary of the council, forwarded a letter to all affiliated organizations on the motion passed at the November 2 meeting of the council, "That a letter of recommendation be sent to all organizations urging all organizations that can afford it to send a lobbyist to Washington during the present coming session of Congress and that the letter enumerate any special legislation that is coming up."

The letter cited press dispatches reporting proposed "maritime labor control bills," which, it is understood, are to be introduced in Congress by Senator Joseph Guffey, of Pennsylvania.

"We believe," stated the letter, "that the adverse publicity now being carried on in the daily press in connection with the 'S. S. Algie,' said publicly apparently sponsored by the Maritime Commission through the Chairman, Mr. Kennedy, is being carried on for no other purpose than to mold public opinion in preparation for coming legislation setting up machinery for compulsory arbitrations, Coast Guard training, and shipping halls run by the government."

"We also have information which would indicate that strikes are to become illegal."

The National Maritime Union, representing seamen on the East and Gulf Coasts and the Great Lakes, has set up a legislative office at 1627 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., to combat the threatened anti-union legislation. The NMU is also considering possibilities of having to organize a mass assembly of all seamen in Washington, D. C., should it become necessary.

In a letter to District Council No. 2, the NMU urged the broadest action to fight against this threatened legislation, pointing out that it is "every trade unionist's duty, every citizen's duty, to fight this attempt to place men and women engaged in the maritime industry under government control."

All unions are being asked to adopt resolutions protesting against the proposed marine legislation, and demanding the removal of Chairman Kennedy and other anti-labor members of the Maritime Commission, as sponsors of the shipowners' plot against the maritime unions.

Young Communists Doubled Strength, Convention Hears

150 Enthusiastic Delegates Map Program to Open New Frontiers for California's Youth

LOS ANGELES—"We have two main jobs—welding a front of the entire younger generation in California and building the Young Communist League itself into a strong, inspiring model for a United Youth League."

Thus before a packed auditorium at the first annual state convention of the Young Communist League of California, Frank Carlson, retiring secretary of the League, laid down the tasks which face Young Communists in the coming twelve months.

Carlson's report constituted the highlight of the opening session of the convention dedicated to opening "New Frontiers" for California Youth. Over 150 hundred delegates, plus half a hundred fraternal and honorary delegates, members of the press and leaders of other youth organizations heard the address.

Carlson reported that the League had doubled its membership during the three months preceding the convention, taking in over six hundred new League members.

Hails Soviet Union

Hailing the successful completion of twenty years of Socialism in the Soviet Union, Carlson declared: "Soviet Democracy is the most perfect democracy in the world because it does much more than promise abstract rights of freedom and equality to the people. The new Stalin Constitution not only promises—it is a record of the fact that the people now own all the land, industries and resources of a great nation."

In the closing session of the convention Richard Criley, former organizer in Santa Clara County, graduate of Stanford University and Phi Beta Kappa member, was elected executive secretary of the California League for the coming year.

Carlson was chosen president of the League. Archie Brown, maritime union leader and veteran YCL'er, was named northern vice president; Lou Rosser, Negro leader, was chosen vice president for the South. Ben Dobbs was re-elected as state administrative secretary.

Picket Japanese Consulate

The convention featured a steady three days of activities climaxing with mass participation in the Clarence Hathaway meeting at the Olympic Auditorium celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution.

On Saturday morning the delegates picketed the Japanese consulate en masse, protesting against the ruthless invasion of China. Friday evening sessions culminated in a reception and dance in honor of Carl Ross, national executive secretary of the League who warned delegates and friends "that the liberties of the American people are constantly threatened by the pro-fascists and reactionaries in this country."

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AFL OFFICIALS BETRAY E. BAY RETAIL CLERKS

Kept Workers in Dark on S. F. Scale to Put Over Contract

OAKLAND—Their strike over as a result of a "temporary agreement" put through with 44 stores by Charles Real, Wm. Spooner, Roland Watson, W. G. Desepete and K. M. Griffin, reactionary top officials of the AFL, 700 retail clerks were back at work in the H. C. Capwell Co. department store last Monday.

Members of the Retail Clerks Union scored the settlement as a betrayal of the retail clerks, who were not allowed by this top "strike committee" to know the agreement won by the Department Store Clerks Local 1100 in San Francisco, and were therefore persuaded to accept the settlement as "temporary."

Lower Than S. F. Scale

The agreement provided for a \$19 minimum for those clerks receiving \$16 per week, and a \$2 raise for those receiving over \$16, except in variety stores, where the San Francisco agreement provides minimums of \$18 up to \$35 per week, according to classifications.

No classifications were made in the East Bay contract, although it was announced negotiations would proceed on this point.

In Oakland "regular extras" are to get 47 1/2 cents per hour, and "extras on call," 45 cents per hour. In San Francisco, the extra rate is five cents per hour above the regular classification rate.

No Protection

Questions of discrimination against workers for union activities are to be left up to a two-man board, composed of Real, who is under fire from the membership in his own Teamsters Local 70, and City Manager Hassler, who is a cog in the Alameda County machine of the Republican Party. Decision of this board is to be "final and binding."

A number of weeks ago Griffin, Retail Clerks international representative, "took over" the local union and set up a "new" Local 47, ousting the entire staff that had organized the union, and launching a red-baiting drive.

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On Tuolumne Lumber Barons

WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE

British Seaman Speaks for
International Labor Unity

Water District Scabs 'Testify' on Banning Strike

'RED SUNDAY BUILDER' HAS 'DAILY' IDEAS

Wants Glamor, Household Hints and Vocational Ideas in 'Western'

By a Worker Correspondent
PICO, Los Angeles County—You want suggestions. I am and have been for four years or so, very interested in the Western Worker. I'm working hard to make it a Daily, which is a very great need now.

I enclosed find a portion of the East Los Angeles paper. Note carefully that it has beautiful streamlined type—clear, heavy, very easily readable for the aged or the kiddies alike. Note the brief, almost witty headlines, the right size of type. It's really a modern progressive turnout.

Wants Household Hints
2. The new daily, to my mind, to succeed must have all of the time a lot of short, snappy hints on household pointers—re- handcraft which has the country by storm, and hints on personal health, medical care, etc., things that will help workers to live happily and well on their very small earnings or relief money.

3. Have articles that have vocational hints. As for example, the enclosed tells about Judge Schauer, lieutenant commander of the Navy Reserve. Instantly a 15 year old boy, when he reads this, thinks: "Hm! Naval Reserve! Is there a possible chance I could join that? I love the water. Would there be money in that line, or a chance to go up, to succeed?"

Realistically Glamorous
Now that is capitalist stuff, certainly, but there must be appeal to the yearnings (for adventure, livelihood, romance, etc.) for our young folks. The new Western Worker must be mystically and above all realistically glamorous—get it? Am I right? I know I am.

I am a Red Sunday Builder, solicitor, etc., and yours most eagerly in the game.

Worker Presents Problem—Alliance Provides Answer

By a Worker Correspondent
HOLLYWOOD—It is hardly reasonable to take a working man to task, especially in the face of his oppressed condition, but I do think that the time has come and the hour has struck when the unemployed worker should jump over and out of the traces if he expects to do anything at all about his economic problems.

Every day he presents himself on the streets of every city, wearing himself out in the search for a job.

How long he intends to go about his hunt, cloaking his plight in shame and pride, I do not know. How he ever expects to gain his economic poise as an individual, I do not know either. But I do know, and he should know also, that unless he starts to get organized and remains organized right now, he is overlooking the opportunity of his entire economic existence.

Build Workers Alliance
Haphazard jaunts across town seeking work, should be painted out of the picture and in its stead substituted with concerted and joint action, directed politically and economically, with meetings of groups affiliated in common cause. I think he should do more parading in mass demonstrations.

Why not try to appeal through the Western Worker suggestive that now is the time, and I believe we would get somewhere. It strikes me that this is the right time to organize the unemployed with demonstration policies until they get definite results.

A program should be mapped out and pursued to the letter.

Strength in Organization
(NOTE: Unemployed and WPA workers on the Pacific Coast, as in the nation, have an organization which has done very effective work in fighting for the interests of the jobless and those working on government projects. This organization is the Workers' Alliance of America, with quite a large membership on the Coast and in the nation. However, it needs to be strengthened and built, along with the organization of unorganized in industry. Headquarters of the Workers' Alliance in Los Angeles for this worker correspondent's benefit, can be found at 257 South Spring St.—Workers Correspondence Editor.)

Every "Western" Reader Be a "Western" Staff-Member!

CIO Timber Workers Knock Down Barons' Ears With Charges

Union Has Enough Evidence to "Blast the Whole Set-up" Before Public in Tuolumne County

By a Timber Worker
TUOLUMNE—Local 84 of the Intl. Woodworkers of America, at Tuolumne, has the Girdler's ears knocked down with enough federal charges to liquidate the company union and brush the AFL out of the way.

It will be easier for West Side to recognize the IWA, but if they want to face the charges so much the better for us. We are abiding by the laws and have nothing to fear. Our concrete affidavits will blast the whole set-up before the public and make it that much easier to organize the rest of the workers in Tuolumne County, who are waiting to be organized.

"Little Wall Street"
The outcome of this battle will unite the entire district. We are aware that we are up against Little Wall Street, that is located in Sonoma. In short, we are locking horns with the most powerful group in the district, and if the local Girdlers resort to force and violence for their minority rule, they are going to face the surprise of their life, as they will hear the voices of many small mine-owners and business men who have been put on the rocks by this powerful minority group.

E. Hodge, a county supervisor and the stooge of other warped-minded groups who are bent on driving the workers to the lowest standard of living, is due to be cut down to a crossroad politician by his recent actions. He thinks because the lumber barons are behind him, that he will go places, but labor is thinking about his coming election.

Starvation Threat
Hodge, the man who stated he worked 18 hours a day during the depression to feed the people of the district was received with a mocking laugh. Just picture—Hodge, the company union instigator, who took the leading part to organize the Pickering Lumber Co. company union two weeks ago, and the big shot of the West Side Lumber Co.

Hodge, the self-styled Huey Long of Tuolumne County, has come out in the open and slipped a noose about his neck with a statement, passed out by one of his stooges, that no one will get relief this winter who belongs to the CIO. In other words, if you don't do as I say, I'll starve you and your family this winter, says Hodge.

But another thunderbolt has struck the reactionaries on the head in this district. The unemployed are organizing. On Sunday, October 31, at Columbia, Roy Nofitz, state organizer of the Workers Alliance spoke before a large gathering and explained why organization of the unemployed was needed here and answered many questions to satisfaction.

Workers Alliance Formed
It was no trouble to secure enough paid-up members for a Workers' Alliance charter. In my experience with organization, this was the quickest set-up local of any kind. Men and women paid initiation and dues. Ten minutes later officers were elected. In quick succession, a grievance committee volunteered to go to Stockton the next day to lay the law down to the relief administration there in behalf of the kicked-about unemployed and aged workers in Tuolumne County.

There was fine representation from the surrounding towns—Tuolumne, Jamestown, Soulsbyville, Confidence, Sonoma, Columbia. Watch this local go.

Fought Relief Czars
W. Halk was elected organizer—a citizen of this district for the past 40 years, who has fought the relief officials by himself until the CIO heard his case, how the wages were cut from 50 to 37½ cents per hour. Halk refused the cut and was slandered in all the reactionary papers as "disgruntled" and was told to take it or starve. Halk stuck to his guns. Soon as posters were seen on the streets of Sonoma and other towns about Roy Nofitz coming to town, the ones who looked down on Halk began to speak to him and address him as "Mister."

A member of the Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers Local 351 of Angels Camp, CIO, and an IWA Local 84 of Tuolumne representative pledged to support the unemployed organization 100 per cent.

Plenty of Charges
Our reserve and defense lines are set for the reactionaries. The Pickering Lumber Co. is more cautious about their company

union and is careful about any information getting out, but we are on their trail and it won't be long until we slum them on a company union charge.

We have plenty of other charges of unfair labor practices. Before the CIO made appearance here, help shipped from Sacramento came from the National and Capitol employment agencies, but lately they are coming from the Standard employment agency, Sacramento, which was picketed some time ago by union labor as a fink and strikebreaking agency. They are still coming in from there.

Terrible Conditions
If the Pickering Lumber Co. thinks we don't know what they are up to, they are mistaken. The two companies are making good their threats of cutting down their crews, but the workers intend to stay in the district.

In the Pickering Lumber Co., conditions are deplorable. H. S. Anderson, Commissioner of the State, is more than rotten. There are cases of ptomaine poisoning. Men have to lay off at different times on account of sickness from the rotten grub Anderson is putting out in the Pickering camps.

The railroad camps are the worst—no lights, not even a candle. Men rustle their own wood and huddle around small stoves at night and say: "I'd like to see a showdown with this layout."

Speed-up
The company tells them they have to board with Anderson, or else. Section crews are cut to four men and are expected to do the work of a full crew. There is general dissatisfaction all around.

I heard a good one at the last visit in the Pickering camps—how a stump rancher went through the camps with a petition for better working conditions. Since he was broke, the workers gave him gas money as he went from one camp to another. The rancher is an old man and stated: "If you men get better conditions, it means betterment of the whole community."

Petitions Not Enough
We admired the rancher's spirit but petitions were tried all summer long. A letter was presented by a section foreman. Being an AFL man years ago, he wrote to the railway Maintenance of Waymen in San Francisco in an appealing way, asking if they would consider organizing the section workers. This was the reply from the General Chairman: "Sorry and regret that you do not come under the Railway Labor Act. Therefore we are not able to organize your men."

Dr. Ryland Scores Use of Police for Anti-Labor Terror

By a Worker Correspondent
LOS ANGELES—Dr. E. P. Ryland, veteran in labor and civil rights cases, told an audience in Grace Church that in place of guards from big detective agencies, Big Business is using city and state police to break strikes and if not checked now, their use will spread.

Speaking on the labor situation in California, he cited the Mahoney case in Los Angeles, the use of Los Angeles men deputized by the sheriff of Riverside County in the tunnel strike against the Metropolitan Water District; he also told of officers standing by while "goon squads" beat up workers.

Dr. Ryland spoke of the use of the hard-boiled army type as police in place of the civilian type. He advocated citizens bring pressure on public officials to stop police brutality, or replace the public officials.

A resolution protesting police brutality was passed.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES NEEDED

WASHINGTON—Reports to the Commerce Department said that stocks of ether and chloroform were exhausted and urgently needed in Shanghai. Iodine supplies were reported depleted.

Hawaii—Without Romance



STEAMSHIP COMPANY propaganda about moonlight on Waikiki Beach, romance in the tropics, etc., is lost on these workers in the sugar cane fields on the Island of Maui. However, last summer these Filipino plantation workers fought through an extended strike struggle to victory in these same fields, and are looking to 100 per cent organization of field workers under the CIO United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America.

Water District Paid For Banning Tear-Gas

"Little LaFollette Committee" Hears of Public Officials' Union-Busting

By JOE GRAHAM (A Tunnel Worker)

LOS ANGELES—The "Little LaFollette" Committee, composed of Paul Richie, chairman; Jack Tenney, Fred Reaves, John Clark, Fred Muldoon, Melvin Cronin and Kennett Dawson, state assemblymen investigating brutality and discrimination in the aqueduct strike, got first hand information at Banning when Sheriff Rayburn of Riverside County was put through the ropes by members of the committee.

The sheriff told of hiring about 150 guards at \$6 a day and expenses (room and board, I guess) to be paid for by the Metropolitan Water District during the strike.

District Paid for Tear Gas
He also told how the M. W. D. paid \$400 to Riverside County for tear gas used on the strikers during a "riot" near Cabazon shaft last August. About 10 tear gas bombs were used, according to Rayburn.

Four hundred bucks for 10 bombs is mighty expensive on taxpayers, just 40 bucks a bomb of taxpayers' dough to tear gas other taxpayers who were on strike to maintain their union and safeguard their jobs.

When I was testifying at the hearing in Los Angeles on the formation of the union and being fired with the 88 men last May, this guy Cronin, assemblyman from Frisco, asked me if I ever ran for Congress on the Communist Party ticket.

I said I did and that was the signal for the Times and Examiner to try to discredit the strikers and the union, which proves to us workers how much we need that Daily Western Worker so taxpayers will know if our money is being spent for water or tear gas.

Two questions are uppermost in the minds of the strikers. Why did the board of directors and staff officers force a strike on the union?

British Seaman Urges Int'l Unity of Maritime Workers

By a Seaman
EDINBURGH, Scotland—As an active seaman, I am particularly interested in the question of not only national unity on the waterfront, but also of the unity of the water transport workers internationally, believing that by such unity we workers can protect our present standard of living and strengthen our ranks for the immediate struggle in our demands for an improved standard of living.

Information as to the progress so apparently being made in this direction by you American comrades is very anxiously being sought after by us British seamen.

Lessons From U. S. Seamen
Personally, having followed with interest the development of your struggle on the American side, particularly during the past two or three years, the wonderful success in the united effort to cleanse and strengthen the maritime trade unions has provided us seamen in this country with a full cargo of food for thought, and I believe it would be criminal neglect on our part if we didn't learn the lessons of class struggle which were sought after by you American comrades, are now very clearly outlined to us.

Fight for Democracy

Since the Geneva Conference and following since, the policy as outlined by the decisions of our Trade Union Annual Conference, has shown that there is now a basis for uniting not only the ranks of the British maritime workers but the workers in this industry throughout the world.

In our opinion, the main factor which is proving to be a very big obstacle in the path towards such unity as outlined above, is the lack of democracy within our union, is due to the fact

Drive Launched to Unionize Calif. Oil Industry 100 Per Cent

CIO Union Names Seven Organizers for State; Two Locals, S. F. and L. A., May Be Reinstated December 1

By an Oil Worker
LONG BEACH—According to statements made at Bakersfield and Long Beach by Vice-President Geo. Shafer of Intl. Oil Workers Union, all preliminary work has been completed for launching an intense drive to make California oil industry completely organized.

He has assembled a crew of seven organizers, who were appointed by President Harvey Fremming. These men are all familiar with California conditions, and all have had more or less experience as paid full-time organizers. Those whose appointments have been announced are C. A. Knight, Fred Phillip, H. Geiger, O. E. Forrester and S. Beers.

To Reinststate Locals
It is expected that several of these men will be concentrated in the Los Angeles Basin area where several thousand men are not yet organized.

In a recent statement released by Shafer, he stated that the two locals whose charters had been suspended, could be reinstated by December 1.

Local 410 of San Francisco was suspended for alleged non-payment of per capita tax to the international. This local has for several months been conducting a defensive fight against aggression by the AFL Teamsters' officials. It has no doubt taken all the resources at their command. The international to date has not acted in this fight.

Local 410 of Los Angeles, just organized, had its charter suspended only two weeks after receiving it and before it had an opportunity to elect its permanent officers.

Look Forward to Drive
The International executive board has given Shafer discretionary powers to handle the matter of reinstating these locals. Any decision that he makes will have no doubt be final.

Delegates to the Los Angeles CIO International Council are showing great interest, and are looking forward to the immediate organization of the thousands of oil workers employed in plants located within the downtown area. These men have never been approached by a legitimate union representing the industry. It is a virgin field in a compact area that is all ready to be quickly organized.

Rank and File Confident
At San Francisco, if given an organizer familiar with conditions, local 410 can soon be consolidated and made one of the strong links in the CIO chain in that area.

In the Los Angeles Basin area a spirit of enthusiastic confidence prevails among the rank and file. They are giving the organization drive very good support, confident that they are building a union in which the principles of democracy will govern. They look to Vice-President Shafer to lead the way by organizing all the oil industry.

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Oil Union Rank-File Stronger

But Old Guard Won State Election Via Tactic in Long Beach Local

By an Oil Worker
LONG BEACH—Definite proof of rank and file efforts to introduce new blood into the Oil Workers Union State Council was very much in evidence at the election of council officers for the coming year.

At Bakersfield, scene of the elections, rank and file efforts centered around the election of Chairman. They nominated S. G. Benton of Long Beach in opposition to Fred Phillip, incumbent, member of the old guard, which has managed the affairs of this union since its inception.

Delegates Handcuffed
By clever use of organizers speaking from the floor of the local, the old guard had managed to send an instructed delegation, so that Benton and other Long Beach delegates were forced to vote for the incumbents.

When it was evident to the rank and file that the Long Beach delegates could not vote on principle, as a protest against the machine trickery, they refused to vote. Ten delegates refused to vote. Benton's opponent getting the full machine support, received 15 votes. Had the voting been allowed to proceed in a democratic manner, it is evident that the rank and file might have scored a victory.

The administration took no chances on this election for they seem to have been lining up for some time. On October 8, the charters of two service stations locals were temporarily suspended, although one of the locals had been in possession of its charter only 14 days. The other local had been using every resource in fighting for existence against Teamster officials' goons, without the aid from the state council. The suspensions were ordered for alleged failure to pay per capita tax.

Against Machine Control
Progressive thought at Long Beach has been seated and allowed to vote, the old guard would have lost control of the state council.

Just how the Long Beach local was handled so as to send delegates instructed to vote for incumbents, in spite of a strong and rapidly developing spirit of liberalism and opposition to machine control, should be a warning to all unionists interested in maintaining rank and file control in their own groups. It is clearly demonstrated how a group of well paid full-time organizers and service men can be used on the floor of the union to "put over" machine measures that seem to be innocent enough at the time, but later are found to be contrary to the best interest of the union and undemocratic.

Understood Too Late
In this instance, one of the several full-time organizers moved that the delegates be instructed to vote for the reelection of the incumbent officers. Then followed a barrage of speeches by other organizers appealing for support of the motion.

With most of the membership newly organized it is not hard to understand why they can be misled when thus appealed to. Not until the manipulations of the old guard were explained to the local after the election, was the duplicity of the move to instruct the delegates understood.

DECKER TO SPEAK

SAN FRANCISCO—On Friday evening, Nov. 12, Caroline Decker, one of the C. S. prisoners, will make a special appearance before members and friends of the Tom Mooney Branch, YCL, at 2109 Geary St.

LIE ABOUT STRIKERS' 'BRUTALITY'

Two State Assemblymen on Investigating Committee Stooze for Bosses

By a Tunnel Worker
LOS ANGELES—The Metropolitan Water District put a bunch of scabs on the stand before the State Assembly capital labor committee hearing in Banning, to testify about "brutality and violence" by striking members of Aqueduct Union Local 270, CIO affiliate.

Assemblyman Dawson, reactionary Republican from San Francisco, questioned the scabs trying to discredit the union men, trying to point out it was necessary to call in extra "law-enforcing" officers.

Remember Them in '38
Dawson is assisted by Fred Muldoon, reactionary Democrat from Oxnard. Workers: please remember these two names when they come up for reelection in your assembly district.

One scab admitted he was from a Pinkerton detective agency and acted as a guard in Wilmington in September, 1936, just before the maritime strike. This thug gave his name as N. J. Womack and said he was a member of Local 507, Hodcarriers & Common Laborers Union, of Long Beach.

Womack never worked in a tunnel before, but is now employed by the M.W.D. as a chucker at Cabazon shaft.

Scabs Give "Testimony"
Scabs Spurling, field clerk at the Banning office; Dodd, carpenter foreman; McColl, master mechanic; Goalby, welders helper; Meyers, timekeeper, and Shorty Kemp, head rat for Charlie Thomas, superintendent of East Portal, took the stand and told how they were "beat up" by beef squads from the union.

Some scabs said they didn't know the names of their "assaults" but picked them out from photos shown them by the M.W.D. The investigating committee and the union are at a loss as to the origin of the photos. The committee investigating this strike will do organized labor a great favor if they find out how come those photos.

John Gullens, shifter, testified about the cave-in of the main heading at Potrero shaft last June. He said if the M.W.D. hadn't shut down the heading May 15, that cave-in wouldn't have happened. Gullens and one of his crew were injured trying to scramble when the real estate came tumbling down.

Gullens has 25 years experience as a practical mining man. He told the committee he made his living with the men who are on strike and would continue to do so.

The M.W.D. hasn't put on anyone yet whom we could get much information from. They are throwing just scabs who were tamped up on by strikers, according to their testimony.

Need Daily "Western"
I think Assemblyman Dawson is angling for "Moscow Gold" as he requested a complete statement from the union on the strike financing, particularly to who donated.

When that Daily Western Worker comes out, I hope we can devote more space to state and local elections so the workers will be better acquainted with those running for public office. Then we can keep phony lies Dawson, Muldoon and Cronin out of office.

Highway Patrolman Paul Decker testified of dispersing pickets from the highway by throwing tear gas. Six cops' bombs exploded 30 or 40 feet from said highway. Decker also told of transporting a striker, Deacon Brown, from Banning to Riverside and how a fellow patrolman, a deputy sheriff and himself blackjacked Brown because he "tried to escape."

Gift From M.W.D.
Sheriff Rayburn told of being presented by the "guards" with a silver-mounted violin. Although this violin was presented by Pistol Pete, M.W.D. special deputy, Rayburn denied it was a gift from the M.W.D.

Eddie Miller, police chief in Banning, has a lousy memory but, finally remembered hiring 18 additional cops. Six cops wore Glendale police uniforms, but not with the sanction of the Glendale police chief or city officials.

When Assemblyman Cronin tried to drag in red-baiting while strikers were on the stand, Assemblyman Jack B. Tenney, Democrat of L. A., ridiculed Cronin by asking the witness if he belonged to the K.K.K., Liberty League or Republican Party.

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A SPECIAL PAGE OF TRADE UNION NEWS, DEVELOPMENTS AND FEATURES

Labor urged to rally to quash anti-labor "mutiny" charges against S. S. Algic crew—Labor Board figures show unionism growing, with CIO taking lead—Guadalupe CIO council seeks agreements from growers and shippers—"Hall of Shame"—Additional labor news on regular news pages.

LABOR BOARD SHOWS UNIONS GAIN IN U. S.

CIO Polled 60% of Votes; Independent Unions Declining

WASHINGTON — Organized labor continues its steady march forward, figures just released by the National Labor Relations Board show. Union progress is shown in results of elections conducted by the NLRB.

Along with the steady growth of unionism there has been a constant decline in the number of independent unions, affiliated with neither the American Federation of Labor or the Committee for Industrial Organization.

CIO Leads
In NRA days, under elections conducted by the old National Labor Board, the Textile Labor Board and similar agencies, 51 per cent of the votes cast were for independent or plant unions. Under the NLRB, only 17 per cent of the votes cast were for independent unions.

In election contests in May between the AFL and the CIO, the federation won one while the CIO won two. There were 435 votes cast for the AFL and 1287 for the CIO. In September, the CIO won five elections with 951 votes while the AFL won two elections with 1110 votes. Similarly the CIO or the AFL was preferred to the independent unions in September as well as in May.

60 Per Cent Voted for CIO
Analysis of all elections in which there was a choice between unions showed that 60 per cent of the ballots or 129,460 were cast for the CIO, 17 per cent were cast for the independent unions and 12 per cent for the AFL unions. The remaining elections were the ones in which the workers chose between being represented by a union or not being represented, rather than choosing between two or more unions.

The 60 per cent choice for the CIO is caused in part by the greater number of requests for elections by CIO unions, it was said by Labor Board officials.

In the 133 elections in which the choice was strictly AFL or CIO, 106 elections were won by the CIO with 22,379 votes, while the federation won 26 elections with 7354 votes. One election resulted in a tie.

Mostly in Shoe Industry
Largest group of elections was in the shoe industry in which the CIO won 80, while the AFL won two.

In unopposed elections, the CIO carried 85 per cent with 78 per cent of the votes cast, while the AFL carried 69 per cent with 74 per cent of the votes cast.

Men Fight Frame-up In Sacto.

SACRAMENTO — Appearing before Judge Carragher, four warehousemen arrested for "disturbing the peace" as a result of a police and "goon squad" attack on a Warehousemen's picket line, pleaded not guilty and demanded a jury trial.

Judge Carragher denied the men the right to have separate trials, stating that the witnesses and charges were the same for all four men. The men are out on \$25 bail each, while the date of the trial is set for November 9 at 11 a. m. before Judge Carragher in Police Court. Attorneys Aubrey Grossman and Richard Gladstein will defend the men.

Appeal to Public
The CIO Warehousemen's Union is making an appeal to the public against the tactics of the Teamsters Union official, Stokel, and the police department.

Refusing to recognize freedom of speech as guaranteed by the U. S. constitution, the city manager's office refused to grant a permit to the Warehousemen's Union to put out a leaflet to the people of Sacramento condemning Stokel as well as the police.

The city manager's office requested that all reference to the police be eliminated; if not, the permit would not be granted. The Warehousemen refused to leave out the reference to the police; therefore, the permit was denied.

Business Agent Bob Says

THEY say that two well-known members of the "15 old men" on the American Federation of Labor executive council are so crooked that when they go to look each other in the eye they have to get at opposite of a spiral staircase.

Dining Car Unions Form Nat'l Council

Plans Laid By Parley

Oakland Leader Named to National Office

By BOBBIE TURNER DAVIS (Special Correspondent for National Conference of Dining Car Employees)

OMAHA, Neb.—Eleven out of 13 dining car employee unions affiliated with the Hotel & Restaurant Employees' Intl. Alliance & Bartenders' League of America, and one unaffiliated group from the Northern Pacific Railroad, were represented at the National Conference of Dining Car Employees held here last month, and made plans for a national council within the international union providing for the establishment of machinery to deal with the problems of dining car workers on a national scale.

Flory Elected
Planned with the able assistance and advice of A. Philip Randolph, president of the Intl. Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and president of the National Negro Congress, the conference opened its meeting by choosing Solon C. Bell, president of Local 465, Omaha, whose efforts, jointly with Local 456, awakened the consciousness

Council Leader



ISHMAEL P. FLORY Secretary of Oakland Local 456, who was elected secretary-treasurer of National Council of Dining Car Employees.

of the need for national organization among workers in dining car work, as chairman.

Ishmael P. Flory, of Oakland, Calif., correctly termed "a dynamo of energy and industry" by Mr. Randolph, was selected secretary-treasurer. Never before have dining car employees had adequate machinery

to meet their problems on a national scale. In the past, each local union has had to depend upon itself alone in negotiating for conditions with the powerful carriers. Each of them alone was obviously not in a position to strike the best possible bargain with the carriers. This weakness resulted in the creation of sharp wage differentials, differences in hours of work and in working conditions throughout the nation.

Seek One Agreement
It is hoped that by unifying dining car employees on a national scale, through a central negotiating committee, one uniform contract can be secured from the carriers as a group to correct those differentials.

Bell and Flory were elected temporary chairman and secretary-treasurer of the National Council set up, pending granting of a charter by the international union.

The twenty-two delegates present represented an actual membership of 5562, a potential membership of 12,057, and came from all major railroads throughout the country.

Score Tipping System
The conference also outlined a major program to bring about uniform wages, hours and working conditions, pending securing of a national contract. The tipping system came in for condemnation by the conference. Depending upon the public to augment the meagre salary of waiters by tips, was branded as economically unsound, humiliating and lowering to the dignity of the service.

It was unanimously agreed that a fight should be prosecuted for a real eight-hour day or 196 hours per month, instead of the present nine-hour and sixteen-minute day, or 240-hour month, now required. It was also brought out that dining car employees must press the carriers for increased pay at a living wage.

A. Philip Randolph, invited to advise with the delegates, emphasized necessity for the conference to establish machinery within the international union to deal with the highly consolidated and organized railroad industry on a national scale and urged formation of a National Council within the International Union of Culinary Workers. He emphasized the need for a national medium to educate dining car employees on the problems facing them as a group and facing the entire labor movement.

Great Constructive Step
In an interview, Randolph issued the following statement: "The National Conference of Dining Car Employees held in Omaha, was historic and epoch-making. It marks a great and constructive step in the development of economic power among Negro workers in general and dining car employees in particular.

"As a result of the national set-up, the dining car employees will be able to exercise effective influence, not only in changing the wage rates, hours of work and working conditions for their benefit, but also upon the labor movement as a whole in helping to break down the color bar in the trade union and advance the liberation movement through unity of the Negro people.

"The conference was composed of men of fine vision, courage and ability. The national set-up will move forward successfully because of the splendid personnel which will guide it.

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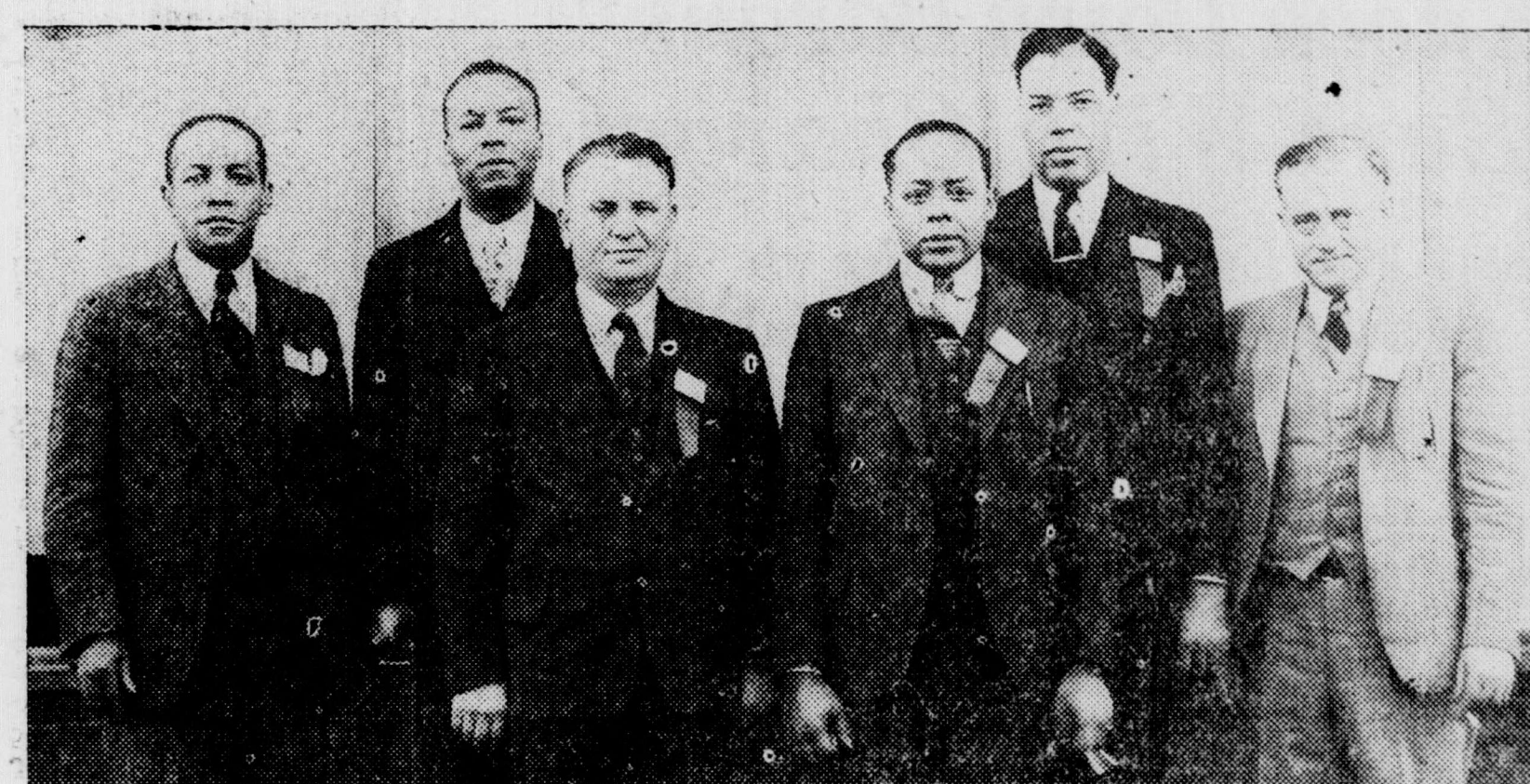
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AMONG THE LEADERS at the Omaha Conference were (left to right) Solon C. Bell, Local 465, Omaha, Neb.; A. Philip Randolph, president of Intl. Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; Chas. Mitchell, Local 372, Oakland, Calif.; Geo. E. Brown, Local 370, New York City; Clarence R. Johnson, Local 582, Los Angeles, Calif.; Intl. Representative, Hotel & Restaurant Employees & Bartenders League; Leo Metz, Local 351, Chicago, Ill.

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Foc'sle and Dock

By BILL SMITH

AARON SAPIRO, self-styled labor attorney, has come a long way since he sued Henry Ford for libel when Ford was attacking the Jewish people in his "Bearborn Independent."

His latest move, in attempting to tie up the funds of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, is in line with his record on the Pacific Coast.

Sapiro was made an honorary member of the Sailors Union of the Pacific at a time when the SUP was fighting the AFL tootin and toenal, fighting to retain its funds, fighting to retain its position as bargaining agency for the West Coast deck hands whom it certainly represents.

But Sapiro essentially is an egoist. He wanted to make a name for himself as a fearless fighter for labor's rights. He was more interested in the name than he was in bringing any essential benefits to the workers whose hard earned money he was accepting in thousand dollar lumps.

Not "Brother" Sapiro

SOME labor attorneys more worthy of the name than Mr. Sapiro ever will be, have fought trade union battles for years without taking more than expense money from the union treasury. These men do not talk in terms of thousands of dollars—they talk in terms of fight. But not "Brother" Sapiro of the SUP.

Sapiro started wrong. He red baited. Red baiting isn't so popular on the West Coast and when a man attacks Harry Bridges he is attacking a majority of the rank and file waterfront men on this coast. Sapiro attacked Bridges.

He even brought suit for libel against Bridges when Bridges saw fit to reply to the attacks being made upon him and the rank and file of the Federation.

Jury-Fixing Charged

BACK East they did a bit of investigating and as a result "Brother" Sapiro was forbidden ever to practice law before Federal Courts. Charge against him was jury fixing. But a charge like that is no handicap to a red baiter—he takes them in stride and goes to even greater heights in his frenzied attacks upon militants.

And like all red baiters, Sapiro did get hysterical. He made himself look ridiculous by the frothy stuff he sent to the "Voice of the Federation." And when this stuff failed to alienate the rank and file of the Federation away from Bridges and a policy of unity, then "Brother" Sapiro came out in the open. The AFL gave him a grand opportunity to strut his stuff.

He moved first against the San Pedro longshoremen. He went after an injunction to keep them from joining the CIO, in spite of the fact they voted that way by an overwhelming majority. But nothing happened and the Pedro stevedores rallied, voted twice more their support of the CIO and the ILWU.

So we next heard of "Brother" Sapiro up in the Northwest. There he sought an injunction, in the name of the AFL longshoremen of Tacoma, to restrain the ILWU from entering into contracts with the shipowners. Once again he was in a position of attacking an overwhelming majority of the West Coast stevedores. Sapiro seems to have a knack for picking the loser.

Attacks 40,000 Workers

AND now he has tied up the funds of the Maritime Federation—the money of 40,000 organized waterfront workers—because, he says, "they owe me \$2200."

The Modesto Defense Committee has had a tough time making

ALGIC CASE IS CONSPIRACY TO SMASH UNIONS

Seamen Will Stay in Jail Until Mutiny Framed-up Charges Dismissed

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Behind the attack and mutiny frame-up against the crew of the S. S. Algic lies a well formulated plan to smash the maritime unions, East and West, and man the American merchant marine with seamen to be trained at a Coast Guard station in New York—enlisted seamen under the direct control of the U. S. Navy Department.

Sponsor of the proposal is Commissioner H. A. Wiley, a retired Rear Admiral and a rabid union hater, who has persuaded his fellow members of the Maritime Commission to accept and plug for his plan.

Plot Disclosed

Disclosure of the plot was made by Columnists Drew Pearson and Robert Allen, syndicated feature writers who conduct the column known as "The Washington Merry-go-round."

Wind of the plot already had been gotten by National Maritime Union officials who have protested to authorities.

Fourteen members of the crew of the freighter Algic, accused of "mutiny" while alongside the dock at Montevideo, Uruguay, said early this week they intend to remain in prison until government officials recognize the injustice they and all other seamen are suffering.

Misuse of Law

In a joint statement issued from a Baltimore jail they point out the law under which they now are held dates back to 1790, and was never intended to be used against workers and their organizations.

The Algic crew refused to work the ship alongside scabs who were hired to break a strike of Montevideo longshoremen. The ship was in a safe port and charges of mutiny can be made only against a crew taking action while the vessel is on the high seas.

Attorney William L. Standard of the NMU declared a similar case had been thrown out of the U. S. Supreme Court in 1935. At that time the crew of the American Hawaiian freighter, the Texan, refused to work the ship, in sympathy with West Coast seamen who were on strike.

Meanwhile, charges of manslaughter have been filed against two of the Algic's officers because two seamen were forced to jump ship at Montevideo, by action of the officers in question. One was drowned when the officers refused to allow a boat to be lowered to his rescue.

'War Against CIO' Suit Postponed

SAN FRANCISCO — Arguments on an injunction suit brought by "labor attorney" Aaron Sapiro for the president of the Tacoma longshoremen against the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, were put over until Thursday, November 18, by Superior Judge Morgan last week.

Judge Morgan ruled that a temporary restraining order issued when the suit was filed, will remain in force until the arguments are completed. The order restrains the ILWU from interfering with the status quo as to the Tacoma longshoremen, whose officials are trying to force the membership to remain in the AFL.

The injunction suit is being financed through President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, in his "war" against the Committee for Industrial Organization.

'Hall of Shame'

This Niche Reserved for MISTER JOHN P. FREY

By DAVE WILLIAM

Oh please shed a tear for John P. Frey, The wan P. Frey, the gone P. Frey. This champion faker, this witch-hunting quaker, This history maker looks under the bed; This czar of reaction, our stellar attraction, Is taking prompt action in hunting a "red."

So please shed a tear while we mourn Mister Frey, Warn Mister, corn Mister, scorn Mister Frey.

When the labor fakers are dispossessed From the cushioned thrones where the pie-cards grow, They will dream of the days when they used to rest Before the birth of the CIO.